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NEW HAMPSHIRE  
ANNUAL REPORTS**

**for the Fiscal Year Ending  
June 30, 1996**

**Town Elections: May 13, 1997  
Town Meeting: May 14, 1997**

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## **Town Officers**

### **Moderator**

Michael Scott - 1998

Assistant Moderator - Walter St. Clair

### **Representatives to the General Court**

Jon Beaulieu - 1998

### **Selectmen**

Eric C. Nyberg - 1997

Andrew L. Hadik - 1998

Colin M. Costine - 1999

### **Administrative Assistant**

Margaret M. Neveu

### **Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Barbara L. Gagnon - 1999

### **Deputy Town Clerk/Tax Collector**

Carrie Boucher

### **Treasurer**

Pat Sevener - 1999

### **Deputy Treasurer**

Deborah Costine

Cynthia Tunberg

### **Fire Chief**

Stephen Tunberg

Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr. (Retired 1997)

### **Road Agent**

Carl Morin - 1997

### **Chief of Police**

Alfred Wagner

### **Supervisor of the Checklist**

Janice Jeans - 1999

Diane Dupont - 1998

Virginia Beaulieu - 2000

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**Trustees of Trust Funds**

1998

Joseph O'Brien - 1997

1999

**Library Trustees**

Melissa Rossetti - Chmn. - 1999

Ed Hewson - 1997

Dorothy Wells - 1999

Rhonda McNeil - 1998

Mary Ann Marchi - 1998

**Great Hill Cemetery Trustees**

Wayne Towle - 1997

George Noyes - 2000

Steven Childs - 1999

Ernest Edwards - 1998

Walter St. Clair - 1996

**Village Cemetery Trustees**

David Hoffman - 1999

Ann C. Parnell - 1998

Wayne Towle - 1997

**Wilcomb-Townsend Home Fund Trustees**

Isabelle Rand - 1997

Catherine Fogg - 2000

Tina Butterfield - 1999

Barbara Dolloff - 2001

Cynthia Tunberg - 1998

**Appointments****Budget Advisory Committee**

Dianna Charron, Chairman

Bruce Baker

Paul Kretschmer

Christopher Dyjak

Donald Parnell

**Building Inspector/Zoning Officer**

David Jore

**Environmental Compliance Officer**

Brad Wamsley

**Cable Committee**

Ron Bath - Coordinator

Candy Menard - Asst. Coord.

Lennie Stein

Ellen Boda - Secretary

**Civil Defense/Emergency Management**

Scott St. Clair, Director

John Cadieux, Deputy Director

Scott Rice, Communications Officer

William Boynton, Deputy Director

**Conservation Commission**

Larry Benjamin	Brad Wamsley, Chairman
Gladys Nicoll, Treasurer	Gregory Lowell, Sec.
Camilla Lockwood - Planning Board Rep.	Andrew Hadik - Selectmen's Rep.
David Hardy	Maureen Lein
	Elizabeth Hayward, Alt.

**Edwards' Mill Project Coordinator**

Robert Pike

**Exeter River Watershed Reps**

Al Hamel	Cam Lockwood
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**Forest Fire Warden**

Stephen Tunberg  
Raymond I. Dolloff, Jr. (Retired 1997)

**Deputy Fire Wardens**

John Bragdon	Steven W. Child	Kevin C. Scott
Scott St. Clair	Bruce McLaughlin	William L. Boynton
Arthur Dolloff	John T. Colman	Stephen Tunberg
Ernest Edwards	Jack Cadieux	
(Honorary Member)		

**Health Officer**

Darrell Quinn

**Historic District Commission Committee**

Colin Costine, Selectmen's Rep.	Ann Powers	Louise Nutt
Anya Bent	John Rosetti	Diane Methot - Alternate

**Library**

Judith Balk - Library Director	Louise Nutt	Nancy Hoffman
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**Parks and Recreation Commission**

Debbie Burke	Greg Lowell -Chm
Linda Royce	Bob Henderson
Charles Needham	

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**Planning Board**

Scott Rice, Chairman	Camilla Lockwood
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman	Stephen Landau
Evan Sederquest	Carl Rich, Alternate
Andrew Hadik, Selectman/Ex-officio	
Cynthia Robinson, Administrative Assistant	

**Recycling/Solid Waste Committee**

Andrew L. Hadik, Selectmen Liaison	Anne Pardo, Chairperson and Secretary
Paula Potter, Vice Chairman	Charles Myette
J.R. Stephens	Lloyd Healey
Bonnie Healey	

**Secretary/Police Department**

Vaughn Wright

**Secretary/Bookkeeper - Selectmen's Office**

Ruth Kaste	Janet Boyden
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**Spring Hill Farm Trustees**

Miss Muriel Church	Brad Wamsley
Colin Costine	Wayne Towle

**Southern New Hampshire Plannning Commission**

Andrew L. Hadik - 1999	Albert Hamel - 1997
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**Welfare Administrator**

Margaret M. Neveu

**Zoning Board of Adjustment**

David Hill, Vice Chairperson	Billie Maloney, Chairperson
Cynthia Herman	Janice Jeans
Charlotte Lister	Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

**Honorary Appointments**

**Inspector of Grist Mills, Factories and Sawmills**

Ernest S. Edwards

**Sealer of Weights and Measures**

Robert Dolloff	Robert Buelte
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**Weigher of Grain and Measurer of Hay and Provender**

Wayne Towle

Robert Healey

**Town Historian**

Evelyn Noyes

**Surveyor of Wood, Bark and Lumber**

Urquhart Chinn

Leroy Noyes

**Keeper of the Town Pound**

George Chaperon

Gertrude Nichols

**Keeper of the Jacob Chase Horse Block**

Robert Nicoll

**Consulting Engineer and Maintenance Supervisor  
of the Town Chronometer**

Scott St. Clair



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**Statement of Appropriations****GENERAL GOVERNMENT**

Executive	26,790	TC
Election, Registration & Vital Statistics	19,395	TC
Financial Administration	76,420	TC
Revaluation of Property	2,500	TC
Legal Expense	21,000	TC
Personnel Administration	25,100	TC
Planning and Zoning	25,300	
General Government	29,800	
Cemeteries	10,400	TC
Insurance	51,000	TC
Advertising and Regional Associations	2,000	

**PUBLIC SAFETY**

Police	192,805	
Ambulance	25,000	
Fire & Forest Fires	35,000	
Bldg. Inspection	22,050	
Emergency Management	2,000	
Other Public Safety ( including Communications)	3,500	

**HIGHWAYS AND STREET**

Highways and Streets	185,900	
Street Lighting	2,200	TC
Deficit Appropriation for Highway Article 18 (95-96)	25,000	

**SANITATION**

Solid Waste Disposal	70,250	
Engineering/Monitoring Wells	35,500	
Other Sanitation	250	

**HEALTH**

Pest Control ACO	2,570	
Health Agencies and Hospitals & Administration	15,994	

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WELFARE

Direct Assistance	9,000
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	2,753

CULTURE AND RECREATION

Parks and Recreation	9,055
Library	46,900
Patriotic Purposes	250
Other Culture and Recreation	11,660

CONSERVATION

Other Conservation - Conservation Commission	400
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DEBT SERVICE

Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes (Fire Truck)	10,000	TC
Int - Long Term Bonds & Notes (Fire Truck Int.)	2,680	TC
Interest on TAN	4,500	TC

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Mach, Veh, Equip (Police Cruiser)	10,290
Transfer/Landfill	1,107,000

OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT

To Capital Reserve Fund	11,000
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TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS	\$2,133,212
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SOURCES OF REVENUE

TAXES

Land Use Change Taxes	30,000
Yield Taxes	6,000
Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	40,000

**LICENSES, PERMITS AND FEES**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	255,000
Building Permits	17,000
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees	5,000

**FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT**

COPS Grant

28,000

**FROM STATE**

Shared Revenue	39,416
Highway Block Grant	53,422

**CHARGES FOR SERVICES**

Income from Departments	15,000
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**MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES**

Interest on Investments	35,000
Misc - Other	40,000

**INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN**

Trust and Agency Funds	1,600
Proceeds from Long Term Notes & Bonds	1,107,000

**TOTAL SOURCE OF REVENUES** **\$1,672,438**

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## Summary Inventory of Valuation 1996

<b>Value of Land Only</b>	<b>Acres</b>	<b>Valuation</b>
Current Use	8,939.27	\$450,849
Residential	6,915.17	23,126,575
Commercial/Industrial	<u>34.01</u>	<u>152,950</u>
<b>Total Taxable Land</b>	<b>15,888.45</b>	<b>152,950</b>
<b>Total Exempt &amp; Non- Taxable (\$779,706)</b>		
<b>Value of Buildings Only</b>		
Residential		50,537,750
Manufactured Housing		260,350
Commercial/Industrial		<u>538,350</u>
<b>Total Taxable Buildings</b>		<b>\$51,336,450</b>
<b>Total Exempt &amp; Non-Taxable ( \$1,701,450 )</b>		
<b>Public Utilities</b>		
Electric		4,436,450
Telephone		<u>451,100</u>
<b>Total Utilities</b>		<b>\$4,887,550</b>
<b>Valuation Before Exemptions</b>		<b>\$79,954,374</b>
<b>Exemptions</b>		
Blind Exemption	30,000	
Elderly Exemption	330,000	
Physically Handicapped	3,578	
Solar/Windpower Exempt	11,830	
School Din/Dorm/Kitchen Exemp	150,000	
Current Use Credit % Properties	<u>41,900</u>	
<b>Total Dollar Amount of Exemption</b>		<b>\$567,308</b>
<b>Net Valuation on Which Tax Rate is Computed</b>		<b>\$ 79,387,066</b>

## 1996 Tax Rate Calculation

		Tax Rate
Appropriations	2,133,212	
Less: Revenues	1,672,438	
Less: Shared Revenues	1,786	
Add: Overlay	50,157	
Add: War Service Credits	<u>20,850</u>	
<b>Approved Town/City Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$529,995</b>	<b>\$6.67</b>
Due to Local School	3,391,928	
Due to Regional Schools	0	
Less: Shared Revenue	<u>42,906</u>	
<b>Approved School Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$3,349,022</b>	<b>\$42.19</b>
Due to County	205,049	
Less: Shared Revenues	<u>3,571</u>	
<b>Net County Tax Effort</b>	<b>\$201,478</b>	<b><u>\$2.54</u></b>
<b>COMBINED TAX RATE</b>		<b>\$51.40</b>
<b>Total Property Taxes Assessed</b>	<b>\$4,080,495</b>	

## Commitment Analysis

Total Property Taxes Assessed	\$4,080,495
Less: War Service Credit	(20,850)
Add: Village District Commitment	<u>0</u>
<b>Total Property Tax Commitment</b>	<b>\$4,059,645</b>

## Proof of Rate

Net Assessed Valuation	Tax Rate	Assessment
\$79,387,066	\$51.40	\$4,080,495

## 1996 Bond Requirement

Treasurer	83,000
Town Clerk	27,000
Tx Collector	79,000
Trustees of Trust Fund	140,000

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**Balance Sheet**

June 30, 1996

ASSETS

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Cash and Equivalents	\$ 1,440,868	\$1,773,573
Investments	254,644	
Taxes Receivable	353,542	412,477
Tax Liens Receivable	194,579	139,820
Accounts Receivable	960	
Due From Other Funds	1,575	2,024
Other Current Assets		<u>196,400</u>
<b>Total Assets</b>	<u>\$ 2,246,168</u>	<u>\$ 2,524,294</u>

LIABILITIES AND FUND EQUITY

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
<b>Current Liabilities</b>		
Warrants and Account Payable	\$10,473	\$903
Due to other funds		11,000
Deferred Revenue	<u>1,737,033</u>	<u>1,894,624</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>\$1,747,506</u>	<u>\$1,906,527</u>

	<u>Beginning of Year</u>	<u>End of Year</u>
<b>Fund Equity</b>		
Reserve for Encumbrances	\$31,623	\$39,838
Unreserved Fund Balances	<u>467,039</u>	<u>577,929</u>
<b>Total Fund Equity</b>	<u>\$498,622</u>	<u>\$617,767</u>
<b>Total Liabilities and Fund Equity</b>	<b>\$2,246,168</b>	<b>\$2,524,294</b>

# Comparative Statement of Appropriations

## Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1996

<u>Title of Appropriation</u>	<u>Unexpended</u>		<u>Overdrafts</u>
	<u>Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	
Executive Office	27,990	TC	Balance 26,119
Election and Registration	17,300	TC	1,871
Financial Administration	73,780	TC	17,702
Revaluation of Property	25,000	25,000	402
Judicial and Legal	12,000	TC	76,871
Personnel Administration	19,300	19,312	3,091
Planning and Zoning	50,650	29,969	10,720
General Government Buildings	25,215	23,315	12
Village Cemeteries	10,400	TC	20,681
Insurance	50,000	TC	1,900
Regional Association	1,772	1,772	10,542
Police Department	182,279	148,617	39,023
Ambulance	25,000	25,000	33,662
Fire Department and FF	35,000	33,453	1,547
Building Inspection	20,600	20,032	568
Emergency Management	2,000	231	1,769
Other Public Safety	8,500	8,500	
Highways and Streets	167,250	195,691	28,441
Bridges	800	800	
Street Lighting	2,100	TC	188
Waste Disposal/Collection	118,260	109,084	2,288
Other Sanitation	200	200	9,176

<u>Title of Appropriation</u>	<u>Unexpended Appropriation</u>	<u>Expenditures</u>	<u>Balance</u>	<u>Overdrafts</u>
Pest Control	2,510	1,979	531	
Other Health	15,944	15,744	200	
Welfare	9,000	1,251	7,749	
Welfare- Intergov. Payments	1,875	1,815		
Parks and Recreation	12,215	11,708	507	
Library	43,344	43,344		
Patriotic Purposes	250	103	147	
Other Culture and Recreation	7,950	7,818	132	
Church Ppty	28,000	28,000		
Conservation Commission	500	500		
Princ-Long Term Bonds & Notes	10,000	TC	10,000	
Int-Long Term Bonds & Notes	3,722	TC	3,722	
Interest Tax Anticipation Notes	6,000	TC	6,000	
Capital Reserve - Police Cruiser	11,000	11,000		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,027,506</b>	<b>\$972,425</b>	<b>\$98,217</b>	<b>\$43,196</b>

Unexpended Balance of Appropriation = \$55,021



**Financial Report**  
FOR FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 1996

**REVENUES**

**Revenue from Taxes**

Property Taxes	\$3,550,250
Land Use Change Taxes	38,720
Yield Taxes	13,799
Interest and Penalties on Delinquent Taxes	<u>59,780</u>

**Total** **3,662,549**

**Licenses and Permits**

Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	316,498
Building Permits	20,613
Other Licenses, Permits and Fees	<u>6,564</u>

**Total** **343,675**

**Revenue from Federal Government**

Cops Fast Grant	<b>9,808</b>
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**Revenue from State of New Hampshire**

Shared Revenue Block Grant	87,507
Highway Block Grant	56,280
Other	<u>83</u>

**Total** **143,870**

**Revenue from Charges of Services**

Income from Department	<b>16,777</b>
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**Revenue from Miscellaneous Sources**

Interest of Investments	44,719
Rents of Property	9,179
Fines & Forfeits	358
Insurance Dividends & Reimb.	22,366
Miscellaneous Sources not Otherwise Classified	<u>9,455</u>

**Total** **86,077**

**Interfund Operating Transfers In**

Transfers from Trust and Agency Funds	<b>2,024</b>
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**Total Revenues from All Source** **4,264,780**

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<b>Fund Balance</b>	<b><u>498,662</u></b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$4,763,442</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

**General Government**

Executive	\$26,119
Election, Registration and Vital Statistics	17,702
Financial Administration	76,871
Revaluation of Property	25,000
Legal Expenses	22,720
Personnel Administration	19,312
Planning and Zoning	29,969
General Government Building	23,315
Cemeteries	10,542
Insurance not Otherwise Allocated	39,023
Advertising and Regional Association	<u>1,772</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$292,345</u></b>

**Public Safety**

Police	148,617
Ambulance	25,000
Fire	33,453
Building Inspection	20,032
Emergency Management	231
Other Public Safety	<u>8,500</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$235,833</u></b>

**Highways and Streets**

Highways and Streets	195,691
Street Lighting	<u>2,288</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$197,979</u></b>

**Sanitation**

Solid Waste Collection	48,864
Solid Waste Disposal	60,220
Other Sanitation	<u>200</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$109,284</u></b>

**Health**

Pest Control	1,979
Health Agencies and Hospitals	<u>15,744</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$17,723</u></b>

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**Welfare**

Direct Assistance	1,251
Intergovernmental Welfare Payments	<u>1,875</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,126</b>

**Culture and Recreation**

Parks and Recreation	11,708
Patriotic Purposes	103
Other Culture and Recreation	<u>7,818</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$19,629</b>

**Conservation**

Purchase of Natural Resources	28,000
Other Conservation	<u>500</u>
	<b>\$28,500</b>

**Debt Service**

Principal Long Term Bonds & Notes	10,000
Interest on Long Term Bonds & Notes	<u>3,722</u>
	<b>\$13,722</b>

**Interfund Operating Transfers Out**

Transfers to Special Revenue Funds	43,344
Transfer to Capital Reserve Funds	<u>11,000</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$54,344</b>

**Payments to Other Governments**

Taxes Paid to County	188,890
Taxes Paid to School Districts	<u>2,984,300</u>
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$3,173,190</b>

**Total Expenditures** **\$4,145,675**

**Fund Balances (End of Year)** **\$617,767**

**Grand Totals** **\$4,763,442**

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**Detailed Statements of Receipts 95/96****PROPERTY TAX REVENUE**

Tax Revenue Curr Year	3,694,991.99
Tax Rev - Prior Year	174,071.55
Tax Overpayments	<u>39,412.87</u>
	\$3,908,476.41

**LAND USE CHANGE TAXES - \$30,000**

Land Use Taxes Current Year	17,699.00
Land Use Taxes Previous Years	<u>7,098.00</u>
	\$ 24,797.00

**YIELD TAXES - \$5,000**

Yield Taxes Current Year	8,153.82
Yield Taxes Prior Year	<u>4,625.47</u>
	\$12,779.29

**PENALTIES AND INTEREST - \$32,000**

Int/Costs on Prop Taxes	59,071.18
Int on Land Use Change Tax	20,987.48
Int on Late Yield Taxes	<u>441.23</u>
	\$80,499.89

**BUSINESS LICENSES AND PERMITS - \$6,000**

Licenses and Permits	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**MOTOR VEHICLE PERMIT FEES - \$175,000**

Vehicle Permit Fees	315,146.00
Vehicle Title Fees	<u>1,352.00</u>
	\$316,498.00

**BUILDING PERMITS - \$17,000**

Building Permits	19,527.73
Driveway Permits	<u>1,085.00</u>
	\$20,612.73

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**OTHER LICENSES, PERMITS, AND FEES - \$0**

Dog Licenses	1,002.00
Dog License Fines	1,854.00
Pistol Permits	440.00
Other Licenses & Permits	<u>4,255.07</u>
	\$7,551.07

**FEDERAL REVENUE - \$30,000**

Fed Govt - Cops Grant	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**SHARED REV BLOCK GRANT - \$38,903**

Shared Rev Block Grant	<u>64,117.71</u>
	\$64,117.71

**REVENUE FROM THE STATE - \$54,388**

Highway Block Grant	<u>56,279.95</u>
	\$56,279.95

**OTHER STATE REVENUE - \$0**

State of NH - Forest Fire Reimb	83.24
State Rooms and Meals Tax	<u>23,389.78</u>
	\$23,473.02

**REVENUE FROM CHARGES FOR SERVICES - \$15,000**

Insurance Report Fees	810.00
Police Special Duty Fees	991.25
State Witness Fees	927.80
Planning Board Fees	9,730.00
Zoning Board Fees	1,026.00
Landfill Fees Received	1,021.62
Recreation Department Income	<u>2,270.00</u>
	\$16,776.67

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**REV FROM MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES - \$0**

Rents From Short-Term Use	12.00
Rent From Post Office	9,166.74
Court Fines	358.28
Miscellaneous Revenue - Other	46,494.54
Misc Revenue - Copies	140.50
Current Use App Fees	<u>15.00</u>
	\$56,187.06

**INTEREST ON INVESTMENTS - \$15,000**

Interest on Investments	<u>44,718.65</u>
	\$44,718.65

**LIBRARY REIMBURSEMENTS - \$0**

Library Reimbursements	<u>29,698.84</u>
	\$29,698.84

**INTERFUND TRANSFER - \$1,200**

Interfund Transfer - Trust	<u>1,574.91</u>
	\$1,574.91

**Subtotal** **\$4,664,041.20**

Budget Total 419,491.00

**OTHER**

Interest on Checking	44,719.00
Tax Anticipation Notes	0.00

**Total Receipts** **\$4,708,760.20**

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## Detailed Statement of Payments 1995/1996

### EXECUTIVE OFFICE - \$27,990

Selectmen Salaries	\$ 5,600.00
Selectmen Telephone	734.48
Selectmen Printing	140.00
Selectmen Dues & Subscriptions	131.70
Selectmen Advertising	1,041.53
Selectmen's Misc Expenses	34.93
Admin Asst Salary	14,358.57
Admin Postage	1,116.67
Admin Mileage	142.32
Printing Town Report	2,300.00
Admin Books & Periodicals	<u>\$518.64</u>
	\$26,118.84

### ELECTION & REGISTRATION - \$17,300

Dep Town Clerk Sal & Wage	\$ 2,154.92
Town Clerk Sal & Wages	11,627.24
Town Clerk Telephone	404.81
Town Clerk Off Equip Repair	73.50
Town Clerk Dues Subs & Seminar	30.00
Town Clerk Office Supplies	477.32
Town Clerk Postage	317.00
Town Clerk Books & Periodicals	197.00
Advertising	62.90
Voters Ballot Clerks	100.00
Voters Supervisor' Salary	1,142.09
Voter's Printing	335.50
Voter's Office Supplies	47.37
Voter Meals	490.46
Moderator's Salary	<u>240.00</u>
	\$17,700.11

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**FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATION - \$73,780**

Acctg Salaries and Wages	\$17,511.93
Acctg Computer Support	454.95
Acctg Telephone	843.04
Acctg Other Prof Services	3,573.10
Acctg Office Equip Maint	1,534.96
Dues & Seminars	115.00
Acctg Office Supplies	3,509.24
Acctg Postage	853.49
Acctg Mileage	167.77
Acctg Recording Charges	792.69
Acctg Books & Periodicals	50.00
Acctg Off Equip/Maint	9,585.13
Auditing	5,595.00
Assessing	14,107.50
Dep Tax Coll Sal & Wages	1,920.26
Tax Collector Salaries	11,532.24
Tax Coll Dues & Subscription	20.00
Tax Collector General Sup	114.82
Tax Collector Postage	1,821.65
Treasurer's Salary	1,500.00
Misc	<u>1,225.75</u>
	\$76,828.52

**REVALUATION OF PROPERTY - \$25,000**

Rev Assessing	<u>\$25,000.00</u>
	\$25,000.00

**JUDICIAL & LEGAL EXPENSE - \$12,000**

Legal Services	<u>\$22,717.12</u>
	\$22,717.12

**PERSONNEL ADMINISTRATION - \$19,300**

Fica/Town Share	\$17,260.78
Medi/Town Share	<u>4,037.15</u>
	\$21,297.93

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**PLANNING & ZONING - \$50,650**

Adm Assist Salaries & Wages	7,655.00
Telephone	455.00
Contracted Services	16,465.06
Printing	687.39
Dues Subs & Seminars	324.00
Office Supplies	384.26
Postage	1,000.64
Recording Charges	254.00
Books & Periodicals	90.80
Advertising	1,136.84
Misc.	70.97
Office Equipment	266.99
Clerical	<u>1,150.00</u>
	\$29,940.95

**GENERAL GOV'T BUILDINGS - \$25,215**

Custodial Sal & Wages	\$ 5,354.93
Electricity	2,756.99
Heat & Oil	2,255.71
Water	3,478.63
Sewer	160.00
Repairs & Maintenance	119.19
Supplies	874.90
Groundskeeping	5,150.00
Equipment/Maintenance	1,828.29
Post Office Maintenance	<u>1,336.59</u>
	\$23,315.23

**CEMETERIES - \$10,400**

Salaries & Wages	\$10,086.99
Equipment Maintenance	227.45
Gas, Oil, Etc	51.00
Misc	15.18
Equipment	<u>150.94</u>
	\$10,531.56

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**INSURANCE - \$50,000**

NHMA PLIT	\$26,174.00
Workers Compensation	11,273.00
Other	<u>1,575.88</u>
	\$39,022.88

**ADVERTISING & REGIONAL ASSOC - \$1,772**

Southern NH Plan Comm	<u>\$ 1,772.00</u>
	\$ 1,772.00

**POLICE DEPARTMENT - \$182,279**

Salary & Wages	\$40,122.29
Computer Support	582.90
Admin Legal	703.00
Telephone	4,699.03
Printing	309.00
Dues, Sub & Seminars	1,060.98
Admin Office Supplies	670.95
Admin Postage	64.73
Admin Gasoline	176.40
Books & Periodicals	901.43
Misc	55.22
Officers Sal & Wages	47,510.99
Clerical Sal & Wages	9,164.59
Radar Repair	110.48
Gas, Oil, Etc	4,323.74
95 Cruiser Repair	1,358.90
95 Cruiser Repair	1,161.24
Equip & Maint Auto	1,590.42
Training	1,031.14
Health Insurance	8,463.23
Retirement	1,351.60
Special Duty	1,370.00
Radio Repair	1,008.34
Radio Equipment	3,682.00
Uniforms & Equipment	1,393.00
On Call	10,002.82
Training Supplies & Equipment	130.39
Crossing Guard	2,648.00

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Bldg Repairs & Maint	18.25
Office Equipment	724.00
Court Time	1,088.15
Office Maintenance	<u>552.97</u>
	\$148,030.18

**AMBULANCE - \$25,000**

Ambulance Contract	<u>\$ 25,000.00</u>
	\$ 25,000.00

**FIRE DEPARTMENT & FOREST FIRES - \$35,000**

Admin Telephone	\$ 1,872.86
Electricity	959.32
Heat & Oil	1,538.53
Dues, Subs & Seminars	606.00
Training & Materials	35.00
Dispatching Service	2,017.50
Office Supplies	7.28
Gas & Oil	636.08
Radio Repair & Maintenance	361.73
Radio Equipment	6,411.40
EMT Supplies & Equipment	1,756.19
Comm Pagers	612.32
Repairs - Vehicles	1,665.01
Equipment Vehicles	423.65
Medical Services	185.00
Building Maintenance	238.60
FD - Fire Fighting Equipment	10,352.97
Misc	2,920.75
Fire Fighting Labor	2,015.72
Fire Fighting Equipment Repair	18.00
Fire Fighting Equipment	<u>235.00</u>
	\$34,868.91

**BUILDING INSPECTION- \$20,600**

Building Insp Salaries & Wages	\$16,022.44
Health Insurance	1,909.80
Telephone	424.56
Electricity	406.92

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Dues, Subs & Seminars	247.00
Office Supplies	38.00
Postage	47.56
House Number Expense	81.32
Mileage Reimbursement	524.26
Driveway Sal & Wages	<u>300.00</u>
	\$20,001.86

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CIV DEF) - \$2,000**

Equipment Repair & Maint	<u>231.00</u>
	\$ 231.00

**OTHER PUBLIC SAFETY - \$8,500**

Hazmat Mutual Aid	\$ 3,500.00
Public Safety Planning	<u>5,000.00</u>
	\$ 8,500.00

**HIGHWAYS & STREETS - \$167,250**

Labor	\$ 12,706.40
Telephone	654.77
Electricity	375.28
Supplies	2,907.41
Signs	2,795.20
Gas & Oil	1,141.77
Equipment Repair & Maintenance	15,020.65
Misc	452.91
Sand/Gravel	10,907.56
Plowing	26,124.50
Culverts	1,207.50
Salt	18,005.11
Chipper	1,800.00
Loader	13,667.50
Chain Saw	470.00
Asphalt	28,031.26
Backhoe	2,999.68
Trucks	46,267.50

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Grader	9,460.00
Cold Patch	377.52
Tractor	4,449.50
Roller	650.00
Roadside Cleanup	<u>1,040.00</u>
	\$201,512.02

**BRIDGE EXPENSES - \$800**

Bridge Repair	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**HSB STREET LIGHTING - \$2,100**

Street Lighting Electric	<u>\$ 2,288.11</u>
	\$ 2,288.11

**WASTE DISPOSAL TRASH - \$64,060**

Misc	\$ 781.04
Labor	12,877.95
Supplies & Equipment	327.97
Cover & Compact	26,500.00
Site Work	927.50
Recycling Contract	18,353.57
Haz Waste Collection	<u>452.10</u>
	\$ 60,220.13

**SOLID WASTE CLEANUP\RECYCLE - \$54,000**

Monitoring Wells	270.00
Engineering	<u>\$ 48594.04</u>
	\$48,864.04

**OTHER SANITATION - \$200**

Dues, Subs & Seminars	<u>200.00</u>
	200.00

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**HEALTH - ADMINISTRATION - \$200**

Health & Welfare Salaries & Wages	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**PEST CONTROL - \$2,510**

Animal Control Salaries & Wages	1,140.52
ACO Telephone	252.82
ACO Vet Services	19.00
ACO Kennel Fees	285.00
ACO Animal Rescue League	20.00
ACO Misc	261.23
ACO Mileage	<u>.75</u>
	\$1,979.32

**OTHER HEALTH - \$15,744**

Center for Life Management	\$ 3,446.00
Hospice & VNA	10,198.00
Rockingham Counseling Ctr	300.00
Caregivers Program	1,200.00
Sexual Assault Services	500.00
A Safe Place	<u>100.00</u>
	\$15,744.00

**WELFARE - DIRECT ASSISTANCE - \$9,000**

Telephone	\$ 43.93
Electricity	1,186.80
Fuel	332.78
Groceries	160.00
Rent	1,925.00
Misc	<u>50.00</u>
	\$ 3,698.51

**WELFARE- INTERGOVERNMENTAL PMTS - \$1,875**

Community Action Program	\$ 1,635.00
IG Meals on Wheels	<u>240.00</u>
	\$ 1,875.00

**PARKS & RECREATION - \$12,215**

Salary & Wages	\$4,529.50
Telephone	277.73
Contracted Services	4,287.50
Electricity	634.93
Trash Removal	415.40
Portables	480.00
Supplies & Equipment	<u>1,084.39</u>
	\$11,709.45

**LIBRARY - \$43,344**

Chester Public Library	<u>\$43,344.00</u>
	\$43,344.00

**PATRIOTIC PURPOSES - \$250**

American Legion	<u>\$ 102.50</u>
	\$ 102.50

**HISTORIC DIST COMM - \$200**

0.00  
0.00

**CABLE TV - \$5,500**

Telephone	\$ 294.87
Electricity	813.76
Bldg Supplies	30.52
Cable Postage	19.06
Equipment	<u>4,409.56</u>
	\$5,567.77

**CHESTER SENIOR CITIZENS - \$1,500**

Chester Senior Citizen	<u>\$1,500.00</u>
	\$1,500.00

**TOWN FAIR - \$750**

Town Fair	<u>\$750.00</u>
	\$750.00

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**CHURCH PROPERTY AQUISITION EXPENSE - \$28,000**

Church Ppty Aquisition Exp	<u>\$28,000.00</u>
	\$28,000.00

**CONSERVATION - \$500**

Dues Seminars	\$ 236.72
Miscellaneous	<u>263.28</u>
	\$ 500.00

**PRINCIPAL - LONG TERM NOTES - \$10,000**

Principal - Fire Truck Bond	\$10,000.00
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**DEBT INTEREST - TAX ANTICIPATION -\$6,000**

Debt Int Tan	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

**OTHER DEBT SERVICE - \$3,722**

Fire Truck Bond Interest	<u>\$3,721.67</u>
	\$3,721.67

**CO MACHINERY, VEHICLES, EQUIP - \$0**

Police Cruiser	<u>\$ 10,286.69</u>
	\$ 10,286.69

**CO IMPROVEMENTS EXCEPT BUILDINGS - \$0**

Encumbrance - Seniors Art.2	<u>.27</u>
	.27

**CAPITAL RESERVE FUNDS - \$11,000**

Revaluation, Police Cruiser, Fire Truck	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00

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**PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOVERNMENTS - \$3,314,444**

Taxes paid to County	\$ 188,890.00
Payments to School	3,124,300.00
Deficit Spend Art/94-95 pd in July	56,400.00
Fees paid to State	<u>1,254.00</u>
	\$3,370,844.00

**DISCOUNTS/ABATEMENTS/REFUNDS - 0**

Discounts	\$19,210.92
Abatements	4,826.22
Refunds	36,832.61
Taxes Bought by Town	<u>145,102.08</u>
	\$205,971.83

**LIBRARY FUND - 0**

Library Sal & Wages	<u>\$ 27,589.00</u>
	\$ 27,589.00

**TOTAL PAID = \$4,587,145.40**

TOTAL BUDGET = \$4,340,696

**Town Clerk's Report**

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1996

Cash on Hand July 1, 1995	\$	300.00
Receipts:		
3,887 Motor Vehicle Permits		315,146.00
Title Applications		1,352.00
Town Fees:		
Landfill	\$344.00	
UCC's & Misc.	1,572.07	
Parking Tickets	1,015.00	
Canine Control	559.00	
Marriage License	765.00	3,319.11
Dog Licenses		4,255.07
Dog Penalties		2,797.00
Total Receipts		323,609.07
Payments to Treasurer		323,609.07
Cash on Hand June 30, 1996		300.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Barbara L. Gagnon  
Town Clerk/Tax Collector

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## Tax Collector's Report

For the Municipality of Chester Year Ending 6/30/96

### DEBITS

	1996	Levies of 1995	1994
<b>Uncollected Taxes</b>			
<b>Beginning of Year</b>			
Property Taxes		\$361,541.52	3,006.28
Land Use Change			\$6,643.00
Yield Taxes			450.08
<b>Taxes Committed</b>			
<b>This Year</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,877,318.83	1,878,125.16	
Land Use Change		43,796.00	
Yield Taxes		19,877.12	
<b>Overpayment:</b>			
Property Taxes	26,374.50	13,038.37	
<b>Interest Collected</b>			
<b>On Delinquent Tax</b>		23,842.32	318.56
<b>Total Debits</b>	\$1,903,693.33	\$2,340,220.49	\$10,417.92

### CREDITS

<b>Remitted to Treasurer</b>			
<b>During Fiscal Year:</b>			
Property Taxes	\$1,442,103.76	\$2,227,201.87	
Land Use Change		43,796.00	1,567.00
Yield Taxes		12,467.98	450.08
Interest		23,842.32	318.56
Overpayments	26,374.50	13,038.37	
<b>Discounts Allowed</b>	8,924.64	8,273.96	
<b>Abatements Made:</b>			
Property Taxes	144.15	4190.85	3,006.28
Land Use Change			5,076.00
Yield Taxes		6,078.32	

Uncollected Taxes			
End of Year:			
Property Taxes	426,146.28		
Yield Taxes		1330.82	
Total Credits	\$1,903,693.33	\$2,340,220.49	\$10,417.92

Summary of Tax Sales/Tax Lien Accounts

Fiscal Year Ended June 30, 1995

DEBITS

Tax Sale/Lien on Account of Levies of				
	1995	1994	1993	92/Prior
Unredeemed Liens Balance				
at Beg. of Fiscal Year:		117,828.30	76,626.78	1,360.30
Leins Executed				
During Fiscal Year:	145,102.08			
Interest & Cost Collected				
After Lien Execution	1,348.68	8,646.12	24,118.97	1,505.45
Total Debits	146,450.76	126,474.42	100,745.75	11,492.43

CREDITS

Remittance to Treasurer:				
Redemption	42,585.68	58,391.13	71,595.54	9,986.98
Interest /Cost				
(After Lien Exec.)	1,348.68	8,646.12	24,118.97	1,505.45
Abatements of				
Unredeemed Taxes		1,076.18	37.44	
Liens <u>Deeded</u> to				
Municipalities	351.74	348.55	350.65	
Unredeemed Liens				
Bal. End of Year	102,164.66	58,0123.44	4,643.15	
Total Credits	\$146,450.76	\$126,474.42	\$100,745.75	\$11,492.43

**Plodzik & Sanderson Professional Association**

193 North Main Street    Concord, N.H. 03301    (603) 225-6996

**Independent Auditor's Report on Financial Presentation**

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen  
Town of Chester  
Chester, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of the Town of Chester as of and for the year ended June 30, 1996. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the Town's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Chester has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Chester, as of June 30, 1996, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its nonexpandable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining and individual fund financial statements listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Chester. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Financial Statements and Management Letter are available for inspection at the Selectmen's Office during business hours.

August 22, 1996  
Plodzik & Sanderson  
Professional Association

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## **Chester Budget Advisory Report**

The Chester Budget Advisory Committee met with the Board of Selectmen to review the budget for the fiscal year July 1, 1997 - June 30, 1998. If the budget is passed in it's entirety, we are looking at an increase of \$2.19 in our tax rate. The main increases are listed below:

Fire Department Space Needs - There are two warrant articles #9 and #10 that address the overcrowding problems facing the Fire Department. We would like you to seriously consider Article #10 to purchase 35 Raymond Road for \$187,000 with \$63,000 included to improve it. This property would give the Fire Department Route 102 access, 4 bays for their trucks, and 11 rooms upstairs for training, office space, etc. The Police Department could then move into the old Fire House, the Tax Collector/Town Clerk could move downstairs in the Town Hall and for \$250,000 or a 42 cent increase in our tax rate we would solve many of the Town's immediate space needs problems. We feel that this is a viable alternative to building a \$600,000 Fire Station.

Article #14 Town Charges represents an increase of 40 Cents in the Tax Rate

Article #15 General Gov. represents an increase of 33 cents in the Tax Rate

Article #18 Public Safety represents an increase of 24 cents in the Tax Rate

Article #23 Salt Shed represents an increase of 24 cents in the Tax Rate

Article #28 Candia Road Improvements represents an increase of 30 cents in the Tax Rate

Article #34 Waste Management represents an increase of 63 cents in the Tax Rate

Respectfully Submitted,

Dianna Charron, Chairman

Christopher Dyjak

Don Parnell

Dutch Kretschmer

Bruce Baker

Note: Bruce Baker abstained from our recommendation of the purchase of the Raymond Road property.

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**Town Warrant**  
**State of New Hampshire**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Chester, N. H. in the County of Rockingham in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at Stevens Memorial Hall in said Chester on Tuesday, the thirteenth of May next, at 10:00 in the forenoon to act on Article #1 - #8. The polls will close at 7:00 p.m.. After the ballots are counted, the meeting is adjourned until Wednesday, May 14, 1997 at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Chester Elementary School. Articles # 9 through Article # 42 will be taken up at that time.

**Article #1.** To choose all necessary Town Officials for the ensuing year.

**Article #2.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the Building Code to adopt the updated version of CABO Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Code, 1995?

**Article # 3.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance to allow as follows: New definition for Subsection 2.1 - Abutter and Subsection 2.33 - Certified Soil Scientist?

**Article #4.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows: Prohibit the use of runways and heliports in the commercial and residential zone.

**Article #5.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #4 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows: Increase the contiguous non-wetland area from three-quarters (  $\frac{3}{4}$  ) of an acre to one (1) acre.

**Article #6.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #5 as

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proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows: Subsection 5.3.3.8 - Golf Course - To allow golf courses in the Residential Zone by Special Exception provided they meet the criteria set forth in this subsection.

**Article #7.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #6 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows: Subsection 4.9 - Home Occupation as follows: 4.9.5 - On-Street Parking - To require on-site parking and 4.9.6 - Procedure - Require a permit issued by the Planning Board.

**Article #8.** Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #7 as proposed by the Planning Board to amend the zoning ordinance as follows: To establish a Telecommunication Facility District to limit such facilities which must be allowed under Federal law, regulations pertaining to such a district and show the districts on the town zoning map.

**Article #9.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Six Hundred Thousand ( \$600,000 ) for the purpose of preparing plans and specifications, and the construction and equipping of a Fire Station on the Mossman/Grimes Property ( Map 5 Lot 19 ) for the use of the Town of Chester's Fire Department; \$600,000 of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended; to further authorize the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other necessary action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

**Article #10.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, up to but not to exceed, the sum of Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars (250,000.00) for the purpose of acquiring and improving land and buildings at 35 Raymond Road ( Map 5 Lot 17 ) for the use of the Fire Department and other Town Departments as deemed necessary; Two Hundred Fifty Thousand Dollars ( \$250,000.00) of such sum to be raised through the issuance of bonds or notes under and in compliance with the Municipal Finance Act, RSA 33:1 et seq., as amended, to authorize

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the Selectmen to issue, negotiate, sell and deliver said bonds and notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and the maturity and other terms thereof; and to authorize the Selectmen to take any other action or to pass any other vote relative thereto. (By Petition) (Selectmen do not recommend 0 to 3.) (2/3 Ballot Vote Required)

**Article #11.** To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, and Committees of Officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

**Article #12.** Shall we modify the elderly exemptions from property tax in the Town of Chester based on assessed value, for qualified taxpayers, to be as follows: for a person 65 years of age up to 75 years, \$15,000; for a person 75 years of age up to 80 years, \$20,000; for a person 80 years of age or older, \$25,000? To qualify, the person must have been a New Hampshire resident for at least five years, own the real estate individually or jointly, or if the real estate is owned by such person's spouse, they must have been married for at least five years. In addition, the tax payer must have a net income of not more than \$18,400 or, if married a combined net income of less than \$26,400; and own net assets not in excess of \$75,000 excluding the value of the person's residence. (Selectmen and Budget Advisory Committee recommend.) ( Majority Ballot Vote )

**Article #13.** To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100%, not to exceed \$20,000.00 in any one fiscal year, of the revenues collected from the " Land Use Change Tax " pursuant to RSA 79-A into a conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II for the preservation and protection of open space (Undeveloped Land) through acquisition of conservation easements or title to land and for associated costs; and to establish a Strategic Development Committee to identify and make strategic recommendations on parcels of land that should be placed under conservation easement or acquired by the Town. The committee will consist of one Selectmen, one Planning Board member, one member of the public, and two members of the Conservation Commission. The Town Moderator will appoint the member of the public for a three-year term. (Selectmen and Conservation Commission recommend.)

**Article #14.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the

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sum of \$395,064 as may be necessary to defray Town Charges ( TC ) for the ensuing year. ( See TC Budget Figures ) (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #15.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$74,320 for General Government: \$31,900 for Planning Board, \$40,420 for Government Buildings, and \$2,000 for Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #16.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,250 for repainting of the Town Clocks, located in the steeple of the Chester Congregational/Baptist Church; such work to include repainting of the black clock faces, surface repairs and re-application of gold leaf to the numerals and minute markers on all three clock faces; such work to be performed by the same crew hired during the upcoming re-painting of that steeple intended for this year, and, with a request that, if appropriated, such funds be held over, if necessary, into the next fiscal year if the re-painting of the church's steeple is not performed during this fiscal year. (By Petition)  
(Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #17.** To see if the Town will vote to adopt the following as an ordinance under RSA 31:39:

Traffic Control Ordinance for Town Hall-Library-Post Office Property

1. Purpose. This ordinance is intended to promote the safety of motor vehicle traffic at the Town Hall, Library, and Post Office, located on Town-owned land identified as Tax Map 16, Lots 7 & 8 ( the "Property " ) by restricting all driveways to one-way traffic only.

2. Entrance Only. The driveway which intersects Chester Street westerly of the Post Office shall be restricted to traffic entering the Property to Chester Street.

3. Exit Only. The driveway which intersects Chester Street easterly of the Post Office shall be restricted to traffic exiting the Property to Chester Street.

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4. On-Way Traffic. All driveways on the Property shall be restricted to one-way traffic in a counterclockwise direction from the entrance to the exit.

5. Signage. The traffic restrictions of this ordinance shall be posted with appropriate signs to indicate the proper entrance, exit and direction of traffic.

6. Penalty. Violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine not to exceed \$1,000 for each offense.

7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon passage.

**Article #18.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$299,224 for Public Safety which includes \$207,349 for the Police Department, \$25,000 for the Ambulance, \$32,500 for the Fire Department, \$4,500 for Forest Fires and Fire Trails, \$2,000 for Emergency Management, \$3,500 for Other Public Safety, and \$24,375 for the Building Inspector. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #19.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars ( \$25,000 ) to purchase a new Police Cruiser and to authorize the withdrawal of eleven thousand dollars ( \$11,000 ) from the Capital Reserve Fund created for that purpose; the balance of fourteen thousand ( \$14,000 ) is to come from General Taxation. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.) (Majority Vote Required)

**Article #20.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8,000 for the purchase by the Police Department of a four wheel drive vehicle, as recommended by the C.I.P. as adopted by the Planning Board in April 1991 and amended in May 1996. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.) (Budget Committee does not recommend.)

**Article #21.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$185,900 to defray the expenses of the Highway Department. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

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**Article #22.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to appoint a Road Agent to become effective in May of 1999, all pursuant to RSA 231:62. (Selectmen recommend 2 to 1.)

**Article #23.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$20,000 for the construction of a Town Salt Shed; as recommended in the C.I.P. Plan adopted by the Planning Board April 1996 and amended May 1996. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.)

**Article #24.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$6,000 to survey a portion of the Town's right-of-ways. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.)

**Article #25.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$27,760 for the re-construction and replacement of Towle Road Bridge. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.)

**Article #26.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the re-construction of Lane Road, as recommended by the C.I.P. as adopted by the Planning Board in April 1991 and amended in May 1996; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars ( \$1,000 ) to be placed in this fund. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.) (Majority Vote Required)

**Article #27.** To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the re-construction Candia Road, as recommended by the C.I.P. as adopted by the Planning Board in April 1991 and amended in May 1996; and further to raise and appropriate the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000) to be placed in this fund. (Selectmen and Planning Board recommend.) (Majority Vote Required)

**Article #28.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) for the re-construction of a portion of Candia Road north of the North Pond intersection. (Selectmen recommend.)

**Article #29.** To see if the Town will vote to accept as a Class V High

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way, Cedar Drive, in its entirety, as shown on a certain subdivision plan entitled Candia Road Estates, Candia Road, Chester, New Hampshire, Map 11, Lot 31, Owners Harold and Priscilla Towne by Donald C. Jenks, LLS, RR2, Box 9B, Center Barnstead, New Hampshire dated March 28, 1991 and recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan #D21815 . Acceptance shall be conditional on certification by the Chester Planning Board that the road meets all specifications of the subdivision regulations for roads. (By Petition)

**Article #30.** To see if the town will vote to accept as a Class V highway Raven Drive from Fremont Road, to the circle. As shown on a certain Subdivision Plan, entitled Subdivision of land, Hemlock Knoll in Chester, New Hampshire. Prepared for Jacob Donigian by P.W.Z North Land Surveying Inc. Dated January 25, 1990, and recorded as plan number #D20886. (By Petition)

**Article #31.** Shepard Home Realty Corp and the undersigned owners hereby petition the Town to accept as a Class V highway Meadow Fox Lane from Pheasant Run Drive to the corner of Meadow Fox Lane and Quail Hill Road and Eagle Crest Drive, a cul-de-sac, off Meadow Fox Lane ( as shown as phase 4 and 5 on a certain subdivision plan entitled “ Subdivision of Land, Chester Hill Estates in Chester, New Hampshire “ by McKenzie Engineering Group, dated August 19, 1994, and duly recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan #D-24143 (phase 4) and #D-25268 (Phase 5). (By Petition)

**Article #32.** To see if the Town will vote to accept, as a Class V Highway, Laurel Hill Road, in its entirety, as is extends from Lane Road at Lots 12-2 and 54-25 and ends at Lane Road at Lots 54-1 and 54-2, which road is more particularly shown on subdivision plans entitled “ Sub-division Plan of Lots 11-54-11 and 11-54-12, located on Lane Road in Chester, N.H., Owners of Record: John and Edward Cooper, P. O. Box 269, Derry, N.H. 03038 “ by B.V. Pearson Associates, Inc. Land Surveyors and Engineers, Date: November 4, 1994, recorded in the Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan #D-24027, and “ Final Subdivision Plat of Land in Chester, NH Tax Map 11 Lot 54-1, Lane Road, Owned by John and Edward Cooper, Subdivision name: Laurel Hill of Chester”, Date: April, 1994, Gerald H. Miller, Surveyor, recorded in Rockingham County Registry of Deeds as Plan #d-23107. (By Petition)

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**Article #33.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$13,147 to defray the expenses of the Welfare Department: \$9,050 for Direct Assistance and \$4,097 for Intergovernmental Welfare payments. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #34.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$158,020 for Waste Management which includes \$133,020 for the Chester Disposal Area, \$20,080 for the monitoring wells at the Chester Disposal Area, and \$5,000 for Solid Waste Engineering. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #35.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$18,714 for Town Health, \$2,570 for Pest Control, and \$16,144 for Other Health. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #36.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$70,510 for Culture and Recreation, which includes \$49,900 for the Chester Public Library, \$7,150 for the Cable Committee, \$10,510 for Parks and Recreation Commission, \$1,300 for the Chester Conservation Commission, \$150 for Patriotic Purposes, and \$1,500 for Senior Citizens. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #37.** To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,500 for the support of the Town Fair. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #38.** We, the undersigned, all registered voters in the Town of Chester, hereby petition the Planning Board to amend the Zoning Ordinance and take the necessary steps to enroll the Town of Chester in the National Flood Insurance Program. (By Petition) (Planning Board recommends.)

**Article #39.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen, indefinitely, until specific rescission of such authority, to accept on behalf of the Town, gifts, legacies, and devises made to the Town, in trust, for any purpose as permitted by RSA 31:19. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #40.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to

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sell surplus equipment at public auction or by sealed bids. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #41.** To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to allow a discount of 1% on all property taxes paid in full within 10 days after mailing the property tax bills. (Selectmen recommend 3 to 0.)

**Article #42.** To transact any other business that may legally come before the Town.

Given our hands and seal, this 21st day of April in the year of our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Ninety-Seven.

The Chester Board of Selectmen  
Chester, New Hampshire

Andrew L. Hadik, Chairman  
Eric C. Nyberg, Selectman  
Colin M. Costine, Select-  
man

# Budget for The Town of Chester, NH

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Fiscal Year  
from July 1, 1997 to June 30, 1998

Town of Chester

	<u>Approp. 95/96</u>	<u>Expended 95/96</u>	<u>Approp. 96/97</u>	<u>Appro 97/98</u>	<u>WA#s</u>
<u>GENERAL GOVERNMENT</u>					
Executive	27,990 TC	26,119	26,790 TC	37,840 TC	
Election Registration & Vital St.	17,300 TC	17,702	19,395 TC	26,225 TC	
Financial Administration	73,780 TC	76,871	76,420 TC	81,280 TC	
Revaluation of Property	25,000	25,000	2,500 TC	2,500 TC	
Legal Expense	12,000 TC	22,720 TC	21,000 TC	25,000 TC	
Personnel Administration	19,300 TC	19,312	25,100 TC	26,000 TC	
Planning and Zoning	50,650	29,969	25,300	31,900	15
General Government Building	25,215	23,315	29,800	40,420	15
Cemeteries	10,400 TC	10,542	10,400 TC	11,975 TC	
Insurance	50,000 TC	39,023	51,000 TC	55,100 TC	
Advertising and Regional Asso.	1,772	1,772	2,000	2,000	15
Deficit 95/96 Emerg Elev Rep.			20,000		
<u>PUBLIC SAFETY</u>					
Police	182,279	148,617	192,805	207,349	18
Ambulance	25,000	25,000	25,000	25,000	18
Fire & Forest Fires	35,000	33,453	35,000	37,000	18
Bldg. Inspection	20,600	20,032	22,050	24,375	18
Emergency Mgt.	2,000	231	2,000	2,000	18
Other Public Safety	8,500	8,500	3,500	3,500	18



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	<u>Approp. 95/96</u>	<u>Expended 95/96</u>	<u>Approp. 96/97</u>	<u>Approp. 97/98</u>	<u>WA#s</u>
<b><u>HIGHWAYS AND STREETS</u></b>					
Highways and Streets	167,250	195,691	185,900	185,900	21
Bridges	800				
Street Lighting	2,100 TC	2,288	2,200 TC	2,300 TC	
Deficit Approp. for Highway 95/96			25,000		
<b><u>SANITATION</u></b>					
Solid Waste Collection		48,864			
Solid Waste Disposal	118,260	60,220	70,250	133,020	34
Engineering/Monitoring Wells			35,500	25,000	34
Other Sanitation		200	250		
<b><u>HEALTH</u></b>					
Pest Control (ACO)	2,510	1,979	2,570	2,570	35
Health Agencies and Hospitals	15,944	15,744	15,994	16,144	35
<b><u>WELFARE</u></b>					
Direct Assistance	9,000	1,251	9,000	9,050	33
Intergov. Welfare Payments	1,875	1,875	2,753	4,097	33
<b><u>CULTURE AND RECREATION</u></b>					
Parks and Recreation	12,215	11,708	9,055	10,510	36
Library	43,344	43,344	46,900	49,900	36
Patriotic Purposes	250	103	250	150	36
Other Culture and Recreation	7,950	7,818	11,660	12,150	36&37

	<u>Approp. 95/96</u>	<u>Expended 95/96</u>	<u>Approp. 96/97</u>	<u>Approp. 97/98</u>	<u>WA#s</u>
<b><u>CONSERVATION</u></b>					
Other Conservation	500	500	400	1,300	36
<b><u>REDEVELOPMENT AND HOUSING</u></b>					
<b><u>ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT</u></b>					
Church Property Acquisition Prop.	28,000	28,000			
<b><u>DEBT SERVICE</u></b>					
Princ. - Fire Truck Bond	10,000 TC	10,000	10,000 TC	10,000 TC	
Interest on TAN	6,000 TC		4,500 TC	4,500 TC	
Interest - Fire Truck Bond	3,722 TC	3,722	2,680 TC	1,880 TC	
Princ. - Fire Station Bond				40,000 TC	
Princ. - 35 Raymond Road Bond				20,000 TC	
Interest - Fire Station Bond				35,616 TC	
Interest - 35 Raymond Road Bond Interest			14,848 TC		
<b><u>CAPITAL OUTLAY</u></b>					
Machine, Vehicle & Equipment (Cruiser)			10,290	25,000	19
Transfer/Landfill			1,107,000		
Police 4WD Vehicle				8,000	20
Salt Shed				20,000	23
Fire Station				600,000	9
35 Raymond Road				250,000	10

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	<u>Approp. 95/96</u>	<u>Expended 95/96</u>	<u>Approp. 96/97</u>	<u>Appro 97/98</u>	<u>WA#s</u>
<b><u>ENCUMBRANCES</u></b>					
Encumb. - P&Z Contracted Services			18,000		
Encumb. - Landfill Engineer			21,838		
Encumb. - Replace Towle Bridge				27,760	25
Encumb. - Repair Church Clock				2,250	16
Encumb. - Survey Town ROW				6,000	24
<b><u>OTHER</u></b>					
Candia Road				25,000	28
<b><u>OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT</u></b>					
To Capital Reserve Fund	11,000	11,000		2,000	26&27
<b><u>Total Approp. without Encum.</u></b>	<b>\$1,027,506</b>	<b>\$972,485</b>	<b>\$2,153,212</b>	<b>\$2,148,399</b>	
<b><u>Total Approp. with Encumb.</u></b>			<b>\$2,193,050</b>	<b>\$2,184,409</b>	

<u>Revenues</u>		1995-1996	1996-1997	1997-1998
		<u>Actual Rev.</u>	<u>Estim. Rev.</u>	<u>Est. Rev</u> <u>WA#'s</u>
<u>Taxes</u>				
Land Use Change Taxes		30,000	30,000	
Yield Taxes		5,000	6,000	5,000
Int. & Penalt. on Del Taxes		32,000	40,000	28,000
<u>Licenses, Permits, and Fees</u>				
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		175,000	255,000	301,000
Building Permits		17,000	17,000	17,500
Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		6,000	5,000	5,500
<u>From Federal Government</u>				
Cops Grant		30,000	28,000	22,000
<u>State</u>				
Shared Revenue		38,903	39,416	60,000
Highway Block Grant		54,388	53,422	57,932
State Rooms and Meals Tax				24,000
State & Federal Forest Land			83	
<u>Charges for Services</u>				
Income from Departments		15,000	15,000	12,000

	<u>Revenues</u>			
	1995-1996 <u>Actual Rev.</u>	1996-1997 <u>Estim. Rev.</u>	1997-1998 <u>Est. Rev</u>	<u>WA#’s</u>
<u>Miscellaneous Revenues</u>				
Rents of Property	9,179		8,000	
Rent from Post Office	358			
Fines and Forefeits	22,366			
Interest Dividends & Reimb.	44,719	35,000	40,000	
Interest on Investments	15,000	40,000	40,000	
Other	9,455	1,600	2,000	
Trust and Agency Funds	2,024			
	1,200			
<u>Poc. From Long Term Notes &amp; Bonds</u>				
Landfill		1,107,000		
Fire Station			600,000	9
35 Raymond Road			250,000	10
<u>Capital Reserve</u>				
Capital Reserve (Police Cruiser)			11,000	19
<b>Total Revenue Credits =</b>	<b>419,491</b>	<b>1,672,438</b>	<b>1,483,932</b>	



## Wilcomb Townsend Trust Fund Annual Report

July 1, 1995 - June 30, 1996

These funds are available for Chester residents 55 years of age or over to help with fuel, medications, or other necessities. Written applications may be made to any Trustee.

7/1/95	Beginning Balance	\$ .00
	Receipts:	6,227.25
	Disbursements:	
	Spindel Eye Associates	68.00
	Southern NH Internal Medicine	157.80
	Rents	2,170.98
	Post Office — stamps	25.60
	Bank activity fees	12.00
	State of NH annual fee	50.00
	Wood	100.00
	Duston Oil	877.46
	PSNH	424.60
	Granite State Telephone	203.08
	NH Electric Co-op	574.41
	Peabody Funeral Home	689.00
	Fuller Oil	400.00
	Eastern Propane	171.57
	CVS	30.75
	Nutfield Anesthesia Association	147.00
	Ambulance Service	125.00
	Total Disbursements	\$6,227.25
6/30/96	Ending Balance	.00

### Trustees 1993-1994

Isabelle Rand	1997
Cynthia Tunberg	1998
Tina Butterfield	1999
Catherine Fogg	2000
Barbara Dolloff	1996

Respectively submitted,  
Cynthia Tunberg  
Treasurer

8/1/96  
Town of Chester, NH  
Special Account #1  
Fleet Bank a/c 167-87515

DATE	LAND RECALL	VILLAGES	HEMLOCK KNOWL	HEMLOCK KNOWL ADV. PNT.	TWIN FAWN RUN	CARDINAL DRIVE	SMITH	CANDIA ROAD ESTATES	SHEP HOME REALTY	BARRY HOMES	DEER WOOD HOLLOW	D'AMATO	COOPER HOMES	TOTAL
Bal 7/1/95 FY 96	3.11	156.88	1.05	6,169.30	9.43	74.17	1,312.97	13,000.09	5,124.93	52.35	1,021.24	202.95	5,053.03	32,631.50
july july int	78.67	0.01	0.38	0.00	15.96	0.18	3.17	31.34	12.36	0.13	2.46	(202.95)	12.18	78.67
total july	3.12	157.26	1.05	6,635.26	9.45	74.35	1,316.14	13,031.43	5,137.29	52.48	1,023.70	0.00	5,065.21	32,585.40
aug aug int	52.14	0.00	0.25	0.00	10.62	0.12	2.11	20.85	8.22	0.08	1.64		8.10	
total aug	3.12	157.51	1.05	6,645.88	9.47	74.47	1,318.24	13,052.28	5,145.51	52.56	1,025.34		5,073.32	32,558.74
sept sept int	53.05	0.01	0.26	0.00	10.83	0.12	2.15	21.27	1,000.00	0.01	1.67		5,000.00	
total sept	3.13	157.77	1.06	6,656.70	9.48	74.59	1,320.39	13,073.55	6,153.89	52.57	1,027.01		10,081.58	38,611.72
oct oct int	59.83	0.00	0.24	0.00	10.31	0.12	2.05	20.26	9.54	0.08	1.59		15.62	
total oct	3.13	158.01	1.06	6,667.02	9.50	74.40	1,322.44	13,093.81	6,163.43	52.66	1,028.60		10,097.20	38,671.55
nov nov int	57.81	0.00	0.24	0.00	9.97	0.11	1.98	19.57	9.21	0.08	1.54		1,000.00	
total nov	3.14	158.25	1.06	6,676.99	9.51	74.82	1,324.41	13,113.38	6,172.64	52.73	1,030.14		11,112.30	39,729.36



DATE	LAND RECALL	VILLAGES	HEMLOCK KNOWL	HEMLOCK KNOWL ADV. PVT.	TWIN FAWN RUN	CARDINAL DRIVE	SMITH	CANDIA ROAD ESTATES	SHEP HOME REALTY	BARRY HOMES	DEER WOOD HOLLOW	D'AMATO	COOPER HOMES	TOTAL
dec														
dec int	52.65	0.00	0.21	0.00	8.85	0.01	0.10	1.76	17.38	8.18	0.07	0.00	1,000.00 14.73	
total dec														
jan														
jan int	50.14	(3.14) 0.00	158.46 (158.46) 0.19	1.06 (1.06) 0.00	6,685.83 (6,685.83) 8.22	9.52 (9.52) 0.01	74.92 (2.21) 0.09	1,326.17 (2.21) 0.09	6,180.82 (6,000.00) 16.14	6,180.82 1,520.00 7.60	52.80 0.06	0.00	14.91	12,127.03 40,782.01
total jan														
total jan	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.22	0.02	72.80	1,327.80	13,146.90	188.42	1,572.87	1,032.77	12,141.94	29,491.93
feb														
feb int	30.40	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08	(1,324.42) 1.37	13.55	0.19	1.62	0.00	12.52	
total feb														
total feb	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.23	0.02	72.87	4.75	13,160.46	188.61	1,521.76	1,033.84	0.00	12,154.45 28,145.18
mar														
mar int	30.84	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	14.42	0.21	1.67	0.00	13.32	
total mar														
total mar	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.24	0.02	72.95	4.75	13,174.88	188.82	1,523.43	1,034.97	0.00	12,167.77 28,176.02
apr														
apr int	29.91	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	13.99	1,000.00 0.20	1.62	1.10	2,000.00 12.92	
total apr														
total apr	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.25	0.02	73.03	4.76	13,188.86	1,189.02	1,525.04	1,036.07	0.00	14,180.69 31,205.93
may														
may int	34.19	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	14.45	1.30	1.67	1.14	15.54	
total may														
total may	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.26	0.02	73.11	4.76	13,203.11	1,190.32	1,526.72	1,037.20	0.00	14,196.22 31,240.12
june														
june int	33.12	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.01	0.00	0.08	0.01	14.00	1.26	1.62	1.10	15.05	
total june														
total june	0.01	0.01	0.19	0.00	8.27	0.02	73.19	4.77	13,217.31	1,191.58	1,528.33	1,038.30	0.00	14,211.278 31,273.24

## **State Representative Report**

The 1996 session of the New Hampshire Legislature began on January 2 and ran through June 13, the final session day.

The Executive Departments and Administration committee of which I am a member reviewed and reported on 89 bills necessitated long hours of public debate and discussion. Bills needing extra work were put into study, which required that subcommittees met well into the fall.

This past year I sponsored four bills that were heard by various committees.

HB# 1484 dealt with the problems of unfunded mandates, which is in violation of our constitution, which state agencies continue to pile onto the cities and towns. This bill was heard by the House Legislative Administration Committee, rereferred to a study committee, which never met and was killed by a motion inexpedient to legislate. This bill with slight changes has been resubmitted for the 1997 session.

HB#1295 dealt with the problems associated with the reformulated gasoline that we are forced to use. The state was asked to exempt all the counties from the requirement to use reformulated gasoline and to conduct a study to show the effect on motor vehicles, machinery and small gas engines. This bill was referred to the committee on Science, Technology and Energy. This committee did not feel that there were any problems and voted inexpedient to legislate.

HB# 1230 was to delete the authority of the boxing and wrestling commission to oversee amateur boxing and wrestling. The commission would retain its authority over professional boxing and wrestling. This was a result of the passage of HB#105 in 1995 which required the commission to cooperate with USA Boxing. The bill was heard by the Executive Department and Administration committee which rereferred the bill to 1997 to allow extra time for compliance by the commission.

HB#1239 revises the regulatory authority and duties of the Board of Auctioneers and establishes professional standards for auctioneers. It would increase public protection. This bill was heard by the Executive Department and Administration, and voted out of committee ought to pass. The bill was passed by the whole house and forwarded to the senate. The senate found the bill inexpedient to legislate after the New Hampshire Auctioneers utilized a lobbyist to ensure that the bill would be defeated. New legislation to deal with the problems that exist has been filed for the 1997 session.

On November 5th the voters of Rockingham County District 10 (Chester & Fremont) gave me their support for another two years as their Representative to the General Court in Concord: I thank you for this honor and will continue those conservative policies which I have practiced in my previous two terms as your representative.

My job is made easier when you are willing to share your thoughts and ideas with me.

I may be reached by phone at 483-8792 or you may write to me at 157 Smith Rd., Chester, NH 03036-4030.

Respectfully submitted,  
Jon P. Beaulieu  
Representative  
Rockingham District 10

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## **Report of the Zoning Board of Adjustment**

In the past year, this board has continued to perform our principal role of addressing appeals from administrative decisions, and reviewing applications for zoning variances and special exceptions. Another important function of this board is to interpret the intent of the zoning ordinance, which we have been called upon to do several times this past year.

Sometimes praised, and sometimes criticized, this board of dedicated volunteers strives to exercise proper judgement in all matters coming before us, taking into consideration the best interests of the Town of Chester and the needs of the individual.

At the same time we are guided by the intent and spirit of the Zoning Ordinance. We must also take into consideration the impact that individual requests for zoning relief have on other property owners, and to what benefit to public interest there may be. The most difficult decision is to alleviate an injustice or hardship without granting an illegal variance.

The Zoning Board and the Planning Board must maintain our posture as independent entities within the Town Zoning process. This year we have separated our budgets in order to better maintain fiscal responsibility.

I would like to thank the following Board Members for the unselfish contribution of their valuable time to the service of their community:

Janice Jeans

Charlotte Lister

Dave Hill

Cynthia Herman

Janet Boyden, Administrative Assistant

Respectfully submitted,  
Billie Maloney, Chairperson Z.B.A.

## Report of the Chester Public Library

This past year the Chester Public Library checked out 53,083 materials!! The statistics just keep climbing year after year. We welcomed 243 new patrons this year and we added 2,626 new materials for you to check out! More and more people are using the Library and this year we were able to provide patrons with yet another valuable service thanks to the generous people at Granite State Telephone. We were given a \$1,000.00 check from Granite State Internet to match \$1,000.00 in donations we received to purchase a new computer. The purpose of this computer is so that patrons can have access to the Internet at no charge. The Trustees and staff of the Library are very excited to be able to offer this service to patrons who've never "surfed the net" and feel they are missing out on the information superhighway. This was a service we could not have afforded to offer without the help of Granite State and the Pioneer Club. This is a big leap for us and we hope you will all come in and try it out!

This past year we also hosted our very first author signing, which was all the more exciting because the author, Ed Hewson, is from Chester and he is also now a member of the Library Board of Trustees. We had an overwhelming turn out and shortly we will be hosting another signing for Sharon Schulz an author with Chester ties also.

The Library continued many of its other services this year as well, such as Food for Fines, the annual cookie walk, book sales, Skills Workshops, and Great Books. The Library also hosted its annual Mardi Gras celebration along with The "Big Cheese" day and a special evening of violin with Mary Ann Schroeder.

This summer's Reading Program was a huge success and a lot of fun for all those involved! The theme this year was "Reading is the Best Game Around" and we tied that in with the Atlanta Olympics. Children learned about other cultures and the games they play. They also learned the history of Greece and about the Olympic rings and at the end of the program, all of our "athletes", received a Certificate of Participation and a Gold Medal in a ceremony complete with the releasing of two white doves!

As you can see, it has been another very eventful year for the Chester Public Library and we look forward to seeing even more of next year!

### Hours of operation

Monday and Wednesday	6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.
Tuesday and Thursday	10:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.
Friday	10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Saturday	9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

(closed Saturday's in July and August)

887-3404

Library Director — Judy Balk

## Chester Public Library

### Cash Flow Report

### Year End June 30, 1996

Beginning Balance as of 7/1/95

Checking	\$ 1,863.76
Investment Portfolio	56,624.17
Petty Cash	96.47

INCOME		BUDGETED	ACTUAL
001	Interest		\$ 264.74
003	Investment Portfolio		6,000.00 (1,000.00 x-fer to psbk)
017	Town Appropriation	43,344.00	43,344.00
101	Trust Fund	13,000.00	25,845.89
013	Miscellaneous (ADA Grant)		4,000.00
015	Non-Resident Membership		230.00
107	Miscellaneous (Other)	500.00	1,755.34
112	Copier		<u>56.91</u>
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>		<b>62,844.00</b>	<b>\$81,278.88</b>

EXPENSES		BUDGETED	ACTUAL	DEP. TOTALS
200	Books	13,000.00	16,257.72	1,004.51
201	Other Media	3,500.00	3,350.55	273.79
202	Subscriptions	1,000.00	1,290.92	55.97
203	Dues	150.00	85.00	
204	Miscellaneous	606.00	511.16	
205	Postage	300.00	623.83	150.00
206	Library Supplies	1,900.00	1,726.27	271.07
207	Telephone	688.00	856.86	56.91
208	Travel	350.00	253.50	
210	Utilities	2,500.00	2,856.63	
211	Education	250.00	22.00	
212	Equipment Maintenance	1,400.00	1,566.00	
213	Computer Supplies	1,300.00	1,751.86	
216	Book Reviews	400.00	307.50	
220	Building Maintenance	1,000.00	992.64	
225	Custodial Supplies	50.00	47.54	
240	Special Events	500.00	866.29	
241	Trustees Purchases	1,950.00	1,869.16	
245	Building Fund (\$8,000 ADA)		16,272.00	
300	Wages	<u>32,000.00</u>	<u>29,698.84</u>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>		<b>\$62,844.00</b>	<b>\$81,206.27</b>	

## **Report of the Board of Selectmen**

The past year has been very busy for the Board and Office of Selectmen. The weather wreaked havoc, first with a 100-year flood event and then with a major snow storm. There was widespread damage to Town roads, culverts, and bridges, and many residents found themselves isolated and / or without utilities. The Board was kept busy with emergency management reviews and numerous meetings with state and federal officials from FEMA. Due to these events and the increasing number and complexity of Town government issues, the Board now meets at least three times a month.

The landfill closure and transfer station construction projects were approved by the Governor for State Revolving Fund bonding at a 2.89 % interest rate. The Town received six bids for the transfer station site work. Unfortunately the preliminary budget cost estimates from contractors who expressed interest in bidding on the project were far lower than the actual bids received later. The Board accepted the lowest bid, and then deleted the second compactor bay from the plan with a change order approved by the NH DES. The Board also deferred accepting bids for the recycling building until the landfill closure bids were received. The reason for these changes were to ensure there would be enough funds to complete the landfill closure.

At the writing of this report, the bidding process for the landfill closure has been completed. Seven bids were received, the lowest of which was accepted pending DES approval. Although the closure cost per acre was higher than had been hoped for, it now appears there will be enough funding within the budget to build the recycling building. The bid proposal for the building should be released shortly.

Construction of the transfer station is well under way and should be completed by Town Meeting. The household solid-waste compactor should be operational in early May. Because the recycling building will not be ready, the current recycling layout will have to be relocated to an interim location at the new transfer station. We ask for your patience and understanding regarding any temporary inconveniences. The Board would also like to thank the Recycling / Solid Waste Committee members for all their hard work and involvement in the transfer station and landfill closure projects.

The Town Hall itself has been the center of significant renovations. The State Lift Inspector condemned the handicap access lift due to condition and newer regulatory requirements. The Board was required to petition the state's Department of Revenue Administration for an emergency spending authorization of \$20,000 to replace the lift. One of the furnaces also had to be replaced. Damage was caused by high winds and a lightening strike. Storm windows were added, plumbing was repaired, and video equipment installed to air meetings on cable Channel 51. We hope to continue these renovations in the coming year, including repairing the

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roof, exterior painting, and finalizing the upgrading of the heating system.

The staff of the Office of Selectmen have also had a very busy year. Demands on the staff required the addition of another part-time employee. Land "current use" and census records were computerized. Staff cross-training was continued to lessen the impact of training seminars, illnesses, or vacations on office productivity. The growth of the Town is certainly being reflected not only in the increased workload and space needs of our office staff, but also those of the Town Clerk and Tax Collector, the administrative assistants of the Planning and Zoning Boards, and other departments. We will be requesting funding to add additional office hours to keep pace with the ever-increasing workloads.

The Board also appointed a number of new members to the Planning Board, Zoning Board of Adjustment, Conservation Commission and others. We continue to mediate and refer issues to the appropriate boards and committees such as continued requests to build on Class VI roads, home occupation disputes, composting operations, and junkyard complaints etc..

If you are concerned about preserving the character of our nice town and have some time to donate, please consider serving on a board or committee. Greater participation eases the load on other members (some of whom have been volunteering for many years now), increases efficiency, and certainly strengthens the democratic processes of local town government which we are so fortunate to enjoy.

The Board of Selectmen

Andrew L. Hadik, Chairman  
Colin M. Costine  
Eric C. Nyberg

## **Planning Board Report**

Over the past year, the Planning Board finished working on the Master Plan, Capital Improvements Program and Subdivision Regulations. The Board is waiting for the final Master Plan document from Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission, then a public hearing will be held. The Capital Improvements Program has already had a public hearing and has been adopted by the Planning Board. The Subdivision Regulations should take effect in April. Over the next year, the Board plans on updating Excavation Regulations and Site Plan Review Regulations.

Following a "Round-Table" discussion with all department heads, a "Needs Assessment Subcommittee" was formed. In November, an all day workshop was held which was attended by 24 Chester residents. This subcommittee's job was to present to the Planning Board, recommendations for the orderly development of Chester's building space needs. Through the winter, the subcommittee refined the plan and on March 12, 1997, presented the final plan to the Planning Board. The Board expects to have a report available for the public following the Boards review to see how the plan meshes with the Master Plan and Capital Improvements Program. The Planning Board is grateful to the subcommittee for all the time and effort they put into the development of the plan.

After discussions with Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission and their consultants, the Board decided the town was not ready for an Impact Fee Ordinance. The cost of administering this type of an ordinance would outweigh the benefits the town hoped to receive. Currently, when a subdivision is developed, off-site money is received for road improvements. The Board will continue to look at other alternatives to help lessen the tax burden.

Three lines in the Planning Board budget will increase this year; 1) The Administrative Assistant: Added responsibilities being placed on the Planning Board due to changes in the law are requiring more office time and a degree of experience in the staff. 2) Contracted Services: Through the course of a year, there are unplanned occasions where the Board finds the need to hire outside assistance (planning consultants, engineers). The Board does not want to run the risk of having to forego the use of this expertise. This action could have a major impact on decisions made by the Board. 3) Office Equipment: Additional file space is needed.

A Petition to enroll the Town of Chester in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is being presented to the voters. The Planning Board urges you to support this petition. In past years, the Planning Board has not supported this action because we were never able to get a clear answer as to whether development can be restricted in the Flood Plain. This year we were given a clear answer. The Planning Board can restrict development in the Flood Plain. The process to join the NFIP is a lengthy one. It starts with the voters authorizing the Planning Board to begin the process to enroll the town in the NFIP. Following a majority vote, the

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Planning Board will ask the Board of Selectmen to submit the necessary application to the U. S. Dept. of Housing and Urban Development. When accepted, the process of developing maps which show the flood hazard areas will begin. The Planning Board will then propose amendments to the town's zoning ordinance. If necessary, the Planning Board will ask the Board of Selectmen to authorize a "Special Town Meeting".

The creation of new subdivisions in Chester over the past year has centered around the moderate income development on Sandown Road. This thirty (30) lot subdivision is being developed under Article 7 - Incentive for Low-Moderate Income Housing. The development has to date, not been approved by the Planning Board. Being the first time this Article has been used, the Planning Board is finding areas that need to be looked at closely and revised. This is going to require input from outside sources.

Two of the "older" subdivisions are becoming active. One is the forty (40) lot cluster subdivision on North Pond Road and the other is Phase V & VI (24 lots) of the Shephard Home Realty Development off of Pheasant Run. When Phase VI of the Shephard Home Realty Development is developed, a road will be built connecting Jennifer Drive to Meadow Fox.

The Planning Board is proposing numerous zoning amendments. They are as follows:

- Amendment #1 Amend the Building Code to adopt the updated version of CABO Single-Family and Two-Family Residential Code, 1995.
  - Amendment #2 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: New definitions for Subsection 2.1 - Abutter and Subsection 2.33 - Certified Soil Scientist
  - Amendment #3 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Prohibit the use of runways and heliports in the commercial and residential zone.
  - Amendment #4 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Increase the contiguous non-wetland area from three quarters (3/4) of an acre to one (1) acre.
  - Amendment #5 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Subsection 5.3.3.8 - Golf Course  
To allow golf courses in the Residential Zone by Special Exception provided they meet the criteria set forth in this subsection.
  - Amendment #6 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: Subsection 4.9 - Home Occupation  
4.9.5 - On-Street Parking - To require on-site parking.  
4.9.6 - Procedure - Require a permit issued by the Planning Board.
  - Amendment #7 Amend the Zoning Ordinance as follows: To establish a Telecommunication Facility District to limit such facilities which must be allowed under Federal law, regulations
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pertaining to such a district and show the districts on the town zoning map.

The Planning Board asks that you

**Please vote "YES" on the above proposed amendments.**

The Board welcomes any questions and input regarding its regulations. The Board is always looking for new members. Anyone interested, should contact the Board of Selectmen's Office or attend a Planning Board meeting. The Planning Board meets the first, second and fourth Wednesday of the month in the Town Hall at 7:30 P. M.

The Planning Board has office hours Tuesday and Thursday, 8:30 A. M. to 4:30 P. M. (the building closes at 1:00 P. M.). The office telephone number is 887-5629. If this schedule changes, a notice will be posted outside Town Hall.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chester Planning Board

Scott Rice, Chairman  
Richard Snyder, Vice Chairman  
Cynthia Robinson, Administrative Assistant  
Stephen Landau  
Evan Sederquest  
Camilla Lockwood  
Carl Rich, Alternate  
Andrew Hadik, Ex-Officio

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## Building Inspector's Report

1996 was again an active year. A total of thirty-three new home building permits, one commercial addition and one hundred fifty-six general permits were issued.

Total revenue generated this year totaled eighteen thousand seven hundred sixteen dollars and twenty-eight cents (\$18,716.21).

### New Residential Home Permits Issued 1996

<b>Name</b>	<b>Tax Map</b>	<b>Street</b>
Skyline Ind. Inc.	9-01-55	Meadow Fox Lane
K. McCall	7-41-2	North Pond Road
T. O'Loughlin	5-110	Sandown Road
W. Fumarola	9-34	Towle Road
R. Petrie	9-60	Towle Road
J. Lamphere	9-81-5	Fremont Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-14	Laurel Hill Road
Homes By Paradise	9-81-46	Meadow Fox Lane
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-21	Arabian Way
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-19	Laurel Hill Road
F. Whitney	2-58	Hall's Village Road
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-20	Arabian Way
Desisto Enterprises	9-81-53	Meadow Fox Lane
J. Donigian	9-4-5-1	Raven Drive
T. Parshley	8-29-3	Cardinal Drive
R. Turnbull	1-94-1	E. Derry Road
Desisto Enterprises	9-81-50	Meadow Fox Lane
J. RadzeLouage	8-29-7	Cardinal Drive
M. Newman	9-81-34	Pheasant Run Drive
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-20	Laurel Hill Road
J. Millsaps	12-15-1	Lane Road
F. Gesel	12-3-2	Lane Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-11	Laurel Hill Road
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-12	Arabian Way
Donigian Const.	9-4-7	Raven Drive
M. LaBonte	9-4-7-1	Raven Drive
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-16	Laurel Hill Road
M. Babin	6-17-4	Morgan Lane
Barry Homes Inc.	9-42-19	Arabian Way
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-25	Laurel Hill Road
V. Ouellette	9-81-18	Meadow Fox Lane

Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-8	Laurel Hill Road
Cooper Homes Inc.	11-54-24	Laurel Hill Road

### **Residential Home Improvements in 1996**

8	Additions
5	Barns
2	Chimneys
13	Decks
29	Electrical
4	Foundation Repairs
11	Garages
19	Heating Systems
4	Home Occupations
1	Miscellaneous
7	Porches
13	Plumbing
15	Renovations
1	Second Floor Addition
6	Septic Replacements
7	Swimming Pools
1	Sign
10	Sheds

### **Reminder**

Permits are required before beginning construction, alterations or repairs. Applications may be picked up in my office or the selectmen's office.

#### **Building Inspectors Office Hours**

Monday 8:00 - 12:00

Wednesday 8:00 - 12:00

Friday 10:00 - 12:00

Inspections conducted after 12:00 Noon

Respectfully submitted,

David S. Jore

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## Highway Department

Much progress has been made in improving Chester's roads this past year, even though unusual weather has created unexpected problems.

Gravel roads were graded, roadside maintenance took place as well as paving portions of gravel roads. Grading of gravel roads continues to be an ongoing process. I am using a new product called Recycled Asphalt Pavement (RAP). I have used RAP on portions of gravel roads and it has proven to be a good replacement for gravel. While the cost is slightly higher than gravel (approximately 25%), it holds up well. The portions of road which received this material did not wash out during the flooding and heavy rains in October, remained in place after winter plowing and will not have to be graded in the spring. RAP appears to be the most cost effective way to treat our gravel roads if we are not going to pave them in the near future. My plan for this summer is to apply more of this material to problem spots and the more heavily traveled gravel roads.

After some delays because of equipment breaking down, the Candia Road project got started. This project involved replacing and adding new culverts, creating a solid base by grinding up existing material and adding gravel, roadside ditching was improved and new pavement was put in place. This project was partially funded by the Planning Board who had received off-site money from developers for improvements to Candia Road. This summer I would like to continue the Candia Road project per the Planning Boards Capital Improvements Program.

The flooding in October caused a lot of damage to the town's roads, some of which still has to be repaired. I have been working closely with the people from the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). These are the people who we are receiving funds from to help pay for repairs to our roads due to the flooding.

This process is a real learning experience when it comes to working with the bureaucracy. Repairs immediately after the flooding were very slow because work done before a disaster was declared would not be covered. Only work to make the roads passable could be done and pictures had to be taken before any work was performed. By the time the President had declared the area a disaster, almost two weeks had gone by. Then we had to wait for FEMA officials to come and view the damaged areas and assess them. At this point, we were nearing the third week of November.

Given the short time left to the season. I had to set priorities. My priorities centered around doing what had to be done to get ready for winter. These priorities included repairs to Candia Road, repairs to the damaged bridges and the application of gravel and grading of the most heavily damaged gravel roads.

The documentation of damage and its repair is a priority in order to receive the funds the town is entitled to. Over the next twelve (12) months as projects are completed, proper identification and documentation of all the details of the repairs and their costs must be submitted to the New Hampshire Emergency Management

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Agency for the additional funds. Otherwise, we will lose the funds.

I have also applied for financial assistance to help replace the bridge on Towle Road and Edwards Mill Road. In their present condition, the culverts are too small to handle the volume of water and debris that pass through them. The culverts become obstructed by the debris causing the water rise up over the road damaging the road and abutting private property. The funding will be 75-80% federal/state and 20-25% from the town. A warrant article is being presented to the voters to fund these projects.

The flooding caused roadside ditches and culverts to become obstructed and they will be cleaned out starting in the spring.

The heavy snow and wind in December caused extensive tree damage. Tree trimming services and equipment were unavailable. The Highway Department crew cleared out what they could. More extensive tree work will be conducted this spring when the equipment is again available. I would like to thank everyone who, with their pickup trucks and chainsaws, helped the Highway Department with this task. This was done out of their own generosity and it was appreciated.

Street signs in town continue to come and go. At the request of the Highway Safety Committee, "Warning" signs were placed at Hanson and Shephard Home Roads and on Reed Road. Missing signs are noted and are replaced when feasible.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the employees who work for the Highway Department. Your time and hard work through the flooding and snow storms was invaluable. A special thank you goes out to the Fire Department, for their dedication, time and effort in helping the town, its residents and the Highway Department during the flooding in October and the snow emergencies.

#### Roads Paved

Birch Road, Lane Road, Harantis Lake Road, Harantis Lake Road Ext. and Shephard Home Road.

#### Road Reconstruction

Candia Road - one half mile.

Respectfully submitted,  
Carl Morin  
Road Agent

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## **1996-97 Town Report**

### **Chester Conservation Commission**

The Chester Conservation Commission is a seven-member board appointed by the Selectmen under the provisions of New Hampshire State law to oversee conservation-related matters in the town. The Conservation Commission is active in reviewing subdivision plans for their impact on rivers, ponds, surface waters and groundwater. The Commission is pro-active on preserving open space, educating the public on conservation issues, and generally acting for the community's behalf.

**1996 Accomplishments** - The Spring Hill Farm agreement resulted in the protection of 400 acres of conservation land. The Commission assisted the Office of Selectmen and Planning Board in their effort to maintain the current status of Class 6 Roads to help protect undeveloped land. The Commission sponsored a report and presentation entitled "Property Tax Impact Study for the Town of Chester – The Effect on the Tax Rate of Increasing Development". The Commission has been active with State agencies on issues including permitted/non-permitted wetland and soil erosion activities in town.

The Conservation Commission meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month at 7:00PM at Town Hall, and public input is always encouraged.**1997**

**Warrant Article:** The Conservation Commission has been working with the Selectmen's Office, Planning Board, Budget Committee, and other individuals on this warrant article for over two years. The warrant article will ask the voters of Chester to set aside a portion of the Land Use Change Tax each year to help reduce future tax burdens on residents while preserving Chester's rural character. The following information on the warrant article is submitted to expedite the Town Meeting by anticipating many of the questions you might have on the article. Please call a member of the Conservation Commission if you have any additional questions.

#### **What is the Warrant Article requesting?**

- The proposed warrant article asks the voters to establish a **Conservation Fund** by setting aside up to a maximum of \$20,000 each year from the **Land Use Change Tax** revenues. The warrant article will also create a **Strategic Development Committee** that will make decisions and recommendations on the use of such funds to best control the growth rate and property tax rate of the town. Presently, the most cost-effective use of the funds would be to assist owners of undeveloped land with costs associated with the placement of protective **Conservation Easements** on their properties.
  - The **Conservation Fund** would be used primarily to reduce future property taxes for all taxpayers by controlling the number of acres available for development in town through the acquisition of conservation easements or in some
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cases selected parcels of land. A public hearing would be held prior to the use of the funds. The **Strategic Development Committee** must approve payment and restrictions placed on the property by the landowner before conservation funds are allocated. The funds will be used by the Strategic Development Committee to pay appraisal fees, surveying fees, legal fees, or other administrative fees associated with the placement of a conservation easement. The Selectmen and the Strategic Development Committee must both approve any purchase of land from the Conservation Fund.

- The **Land Use Change Tax** is a 10% tax collected by the Town whenever undeveloped land that was assessed under “Current Use” is removed from that status for possible development. The 10% tax is currently deposited into the Town’s General Fund. **THE WARRANT ARTICLE DOES NOT IMPOSE AN ADDITIONAL TAX.** It simply redirects the tax from the General Fund into a conservation fund to be used towards land use activities that can have long-term benefits to the residents of the Town.

#### **Why is this fund necessary?**

- Chester is facing escalating growth. Undeveloped land is rapidly being turned into subdivisions. Both the school and town budgets reflect this strain. Our property taxes are rising at an alarming rate and will continue to do so unless some way is found to control growth. Establishment of a Conservation Fund and the Strategic Development Committee will create a mechanism to identify desirable properties and make the funding available to protect them from development.
- Over the years undeveloped land costs taxpayers very little. Unfortunately to the individual taxpayer in town, whenever undeveloped land is converted into multi-home subdivisions it results in higher taxes. The tax burden from the average new home built in town exceeds the tax revenues collected by the town. Presently, the average increase to the Town’s Budget for each new home is more than \$4700.00 per year. (1996 “**Property Tax Impact Study for the Town of Chester NH: The Effect on the Tax Rate of Increasing Development**”).
- The rural character of Chester is being lost. Currently, our town is a very desirable place to live and raise a family. All residents who cherish this rural atmosphere have a stake in this warrant article. Placing easements on land or buying selected parcels to preserve open space is one way to ensure that Chester stays rural, maintains high property values, and saves taxes.

#### **What are Conservation Easements and their Benefits?**

- A Conservation Easement transfers the development rights of land to a qualified organization (in this case, the Town of Chester) so that the land can be protected from unwanted future development. The original owner retains ownership of the land. The owner and their heirs can continue to use the property for all other activities including agriculture, timbering, and recreation.



- A Conservation Easement will not in itself change the property tax revenues collected on the property. In most cases the land is already classified as "Current Use" and property taxes collected by the town will not change.
- The residents of the town can expect a significant benefit from the Conservation Easements placed on properties due to the fact that tax revenues will still be generated for the town but the land will be permanently restricted from development. Approval of the warrant article could result in hundreds or thousands of acres of land being inaccessible for development. This would significantly reduce future property taxes and help retain the rural character of Chester.
- Placement of Conservation Easements on property is strictly on a voluntary basis and each owner will have different incentives. Benefits for property owners could include their security in knowing that the land they have maintained and cared for over the years would be preserved forever for their families. Conservation easements are variable in their makeup, the parties decide what the easement restrictions will be on the property. The easement can be written to allow children and grandchildren a place to build homes in Chester while protecting the majority of the property from development. Conservation Easements are considered "gifts" by the Federal Government and have potential federal income tax benefits. The payment of inheritance taxes could be significantly reduced on large estates if the land had been previously placed under a Conservation Easement.

#### **What will this cost you as a taxpayer?**

- When the Current Use Change Tax revenue is diverted from the General Fund, that money becomes unavailable to defray other town costs. The maximum tax impact of this warrant article is twenty-five cents per thousand. This would result in a maximum of \$15.00 for a home assessed at \$60,000 or \$25.00 for a home assessed at \$100,000. Depending on the acreage removed from Current Use the tax impact could be considerably less in some years.

#### **Conclusions:**

- Adoption of this article will help the residents protect the open spaces of Chester through the very tax (Land Use Change Tax) that is collected when land that was previously protected under "Current Use" is lost to development.
  - The article will give the town an opportunity at controlling its own growth, reducing future property taxes, and maintaining the small town rural character of Chester.
  - Chester would join 63 other New Hampshire communities that already have similar funding to help control development and preserve open space. However, Chester is the only town that has specifically included provisions to control its property tax rate.
  - Chester has approximately nine thousand (9000) acres of undeveloped land
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protected under “Current Use”. Please support our efforts by voting at Town Meeting on May 15, 1997 in favor of this article.

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Chester Conservation Commission**

Brad Wamsley, Chairperson

Greg Lowell, Recording Officer

Gladys Nicoll, Treasurer

Larry Benjamin

David Hardy

Maureen Lein

Camilla Lockwood, Planning Board Representative

Elizabeth Hayward, Alternate

Andrew Hadik, Selectmen Representative

## **WARRANT ARTICLE** (1997)

To see if the Town will vote to deposit 100%, not to exceed \$20,000.00 in any one fiscal year, of the revenues collected from the “Land Use Change Tax” pursuant to RSA 79-A into a conservation fund in accordance with RSA 36-A:5 III as authorized by RSA 79-A:25 II for the preservation and protection of open space (Undeveloped Land) through acquisition of conservation easements or title to land and for associated costs; and to establish a Strategic Development Committee to identify and make strategic recommendations on parcels of land that should be placed under conservation easement or acquired by the Town.

The committee will consist of one Selectmen, one planning board member, one member of the public, and two members of the Conservation Commission. The Town Moderator will appoint the member of the public for a three-year term.  
(The Selectmen recommend this appropriation.)

*The Conservation Commission has voted to be bound by all decisions made by the Strategic Development Committee regarding the use of funds collected from the Land Use Change Tax.*

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## Chester Recreation Commission Report — 1996

*The all-volunteer Recreation Commission for the Town of Chester, which oversees the Recreation & Parks budget, serves the recreational needs of the town by maintaining and improving the town's primary recreational area — the French and Nichols field, coordinating recreational agreements with the Town of Derry Soccer Club which allow Chester children to participate in basketball and soccer activities, sponsoring its own basketball and volleyball programs, and running a 6-week Summer Program for over 100 Chester children.*

### 1996 Report:

**Summer Program:** Over 100 Chester children participated in the 6-week summer program that began the first week of July. Qualify counselors and assistants led Chester children ages 6 to 12 in games and activities and took them on field trips. This program will be repeated again this year. Sign-up sheets will be distributed at the school or you may contact this commission. No child will be turned away from any of these programs for financial reasons. If the fee is a hardship, please speak privately to one of the Recreation Commission members. Due to an increase in the number of children participating, we have had to increase our budget this year to hire more counselors.

**Facilities Improvement:** The major improvement for the year was the installation of a well to provide much-needed water at the fields. The water is controlled from within the shed and is used for the Summer Program, Town Fair, athletic teams, and spot watering of the fields. A donated chain link fence was installed along the first base line of the 90-ft. diamond. A suggestion of resident Gene Charron, we participated in a program sponsored by the Rockingham County Corrections Department. A group of unpaid, supervised inmates worked at the fields for three days this past October cutting brush from the field perimeters and in the adjacent Natural Area.

**Basketball Program:** Adjustable baskets were purchased to start a basketball program for younger children on Saturday mornings. Programs for boys and girls are available. Contact Bob Henderson of this commission for information.

**Derry-Chester Cooperation:** Chester children are able to participate in the Town of Derry's basketball program and the Derry Soccer Club's programs through a cooperative arrangement whereby Chester provides its facilities (the school gym for basketball, the soccer field for soccer) for use by these programs. The Rec. Commission pays for use of the gym on Saturday mornings for Derry Rec. basketball and allows the Derry Soccer Club to use the town fields. All Chester children ages 5-18 are welcome to participate in these programs. Sign-up notices appear regularly in the Derry News.

### 1997 Plans/Comments:

**Budget:** There are no major projects planned for 1997. The submitted budget contains money for electricity, phone, portable toilets, garbage removal, and normal everyday supplies. There is a small amount of money for facilities improvement. There is increased spending for salaries/wages. An increase in the number of Summer Pro-

gram counselors is necessary due to the increased number of children attending. We also requested raises for counselors who are now in their fourth year with the program. The Summer Program does require fees from participants that help defray our budget. Last year approximately \$2000 was returned to the town General Fund and a similar sum is expected this year.

**Capital Reserve:** Under a separate line item, we are requesting a capital reserve amount of \$2000 to be set aside each year for the next 3 or 4 years for the purpose of constructing a new ballfield. Miss Church and the Trustees of Spring Hill Farm have told us that one of the only alternative uses for this conservation land is the building of a ballfield in the area off Shephard Home Rd. We envision this field as either a softball field or a "utility field" — basically a flat surface with small backstops like on the present soccer field. Either way, we envision a small, low impact field with very little physical structure besides backstops and benches. Federal matching funds are generally available for such projects, but in recent years the total amounts awarded in New Hampshire have dropped dramatically and are no longer "a sure thing".

**Town Master Plan:** We submitted our input for the Master Planning Session that took place last fall. Should the "old-school-to-town office" plane become a reality, we would like to assume recreation. However, assuming control of the gym would likely mean an increase in our budget for custodial services and maintenance. Also, any playing fields planned as part of new school construction should take into consideration the needs of the Recreation Commission. The present fields have always been used by the school teams and we believe that, except for the scheduling problems on the lower baseball fields, they are more than adequate. Should a new field be considered as part of a new school, the Commission would like to be consulted first so that we can plan accordingly.

**Field Rules and Regulations:** Since this report is our primary means of communicating with the town, we repeat here every year the rules governing usage of the town fields (as spelled out in the Town Master Plan). Priorities for field usage are set as follows (1 is highest priority); (1) Chester School athletic events, (2) Chester Baseball Program or Recreation Commission-sanctioned activities (3) All other activities (scheduled or unscheduled). Scheduling of the fields for other events, such as church picnics, field days, soccer leagues, or other school usage must be made through the Rec. Commission by contacting Town Hall.

**Reminder: There are no horses or motorized vehicles allowed on the field. (And you might police your dogs a bit as well.)**

As always, we continue to look to the town for guidance and suggestion.

Chester Recreation Commission Members

Greg Lowell

Linda Royce

Debbie Burke

Bob Henderson

Charlie Needham

## **Chester Police Department** **Report for Calendar Year Ending 1996**

The Chester Police Department along with other community services had a busy year. The unusual amount of snow in the spring, the rain and flood in October, the heavy snow and winds in early December, along with the power outages that effected large parts of the community.

As a Police Department we have been busy investigating bicycle accidents, motor vehicle accidents and a lone plane crash. We have been called to investigate everything from missing dogs to burglaries. Chester has not been immune to activities that effect other communities, the domestics, the thefts and so on.

Motor vehicle accidents show an increase. I would urge all motorists to be considerate drivers and to drive defensively.

The Chester Police Department is now able to offer the **DRUG AND ALCOHOL RESISTANCE EDUCATION, "D.A.R.E."** program to the students at Chester Elementary School. The program shows every sign of success.

We would like to remind households that have alarm systems to service the systems and insure that they are working properly. They are only a deterrent if they are working properly.

Please insure that your house number is where it belongs to aide in locating your house for Fire, Ambulance and Police emergency services.

Members of the Chester Police Department would like to thank everyone for their continued support. The Police Department is here to provide a service to the community and can only be successful if we work together. We look forward to 1997 being another successful year and wish the same for you and your families.

Sincerely,

Alfred J. Wagner, Chief of Police

Alexander Castora, Deputy Chief

Leonard Leclair, Sergeant

William Burke, Sergeant

Robert O'Connor, Patrolman

Kenneth McCarron, Patrolman

Vaughn Wright, Patrolman

Heather Spinney, Patrolman

Tracey Boisvert, Patrolman

Vaughn M. Wright, Secretary

Telephone:

**9 - 1 - 1      EMERGENCY**

887-3229      All Calls For Service

887-2080      Unattended Business Line

887-2090      Animal Control Answering Machine

### **Highlights of Calendar Year Ending 1996**

18	Burglary Reports	122	Motor Vehicle Complaints
47	Theft Reports	5	Unattended/Untimely Deaths
7	Motor Vehicle Theft Reports	82	Suspicious Person Complaints
19	Simple Assaults	115	Assist Other Police Departments
2	Arson Report	9	O.H.R.V. Reports
2	Rape Report	3	Illegal Dumping Reports
3	Fraud Report	143	Alarm Activations
1	Stolen Property Report	154	Police Department Information
59	Criminal Mischief Reports	1	Littering Reports
2	Weapon Offenses	1	Gambling Complaints
3	Sex Offense Report	4	Liquor Offenses
4	Drug Offense Reports	88	Assist Fire/Rescue Calls
45	Domestic Reports	18	Criminal Trespass Reports
3	Driving While Intoxicated	60	Paperwork Services
3	Protective Custody	173	Animal Control Reports
35	Disorderly Conduct Reports	33	Harassment Reports
25	Missing Persons Reports	266	Aide To Public Situations
79	Motor Vehicle Accidents	164	House Security Check Reports
33	Pistol Permit Applications		

Fire Department Report

As many of you know, Red Dolloff retired from his position as Chief after twenty seven years in that position. This was effective in March and he will be missed. After all the time and effort that he put into the training of the department personnel and into the maintenance of our always ready status, he deserves a sincere "Thank You ". He certainly has the "Thanks " of the Department members. Stephen Tunberg has been appointed as the new Chief.

After many years of service our CPR manikins were in need of help. With funds supplied by Dean Leighton, we purchased replacement manikins in memory of John Rossetti. We wish to extend our " thanks " to Dean for his gift to the department.

The Fire Prevention Program continues in its efforts to make our kids and their families more aware of fire safety. We urge all of you to continue your efforts at fire prevention. Think safety in regards to all of your activities and remember to maintain your smoke detectors. Just a reminder, in the event of an emergency, 911 is the number to call.

We continue to participate in the HazMat group which provides us with a valuable resource. This adds to our training demands but we feel that it is time well spent.

In the event of an emergency, we must be able to locate you. Now that the plowing season is passed, it is time to go out and make sure that your number is on its post and clearly visible from the approach direction. Please keep in mind that the conditions are not always perfect when emergencies occur and the time that you spend making your number visible will be time well spent.

We would like to close this year's report by extending an invitation to towns people who think that they might want to join our Fire Department to come to the Station any Tuesday evening or Sunday morning. Our task is a demanding one but we find it to be a rewarding one as well.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chester Volunteer Fire Department

SUMMARY OF CALLS 1996

<b>EMS</b>			
Medical	91		
Auto	12		
<b>Fire</b>			
Mutual Aid	12	Brush	11
Vehicle	4	Electrical	3
Chimney	3	Service Call	7
Alarm	23	Other	8
Wires	11		
Furnace	3		
Structure	2		
Smoke	3		

## **Chester Fire Department**

BLANCHETTE, Ron  
BRAGDON, John  
CADIEUX, Jack  
CAMILLIERI, Frank  
CASE, Pat  
CHILD, Lori  
CHILD, Steve  
COLMAN, John  
COSTINE, Colin  
DOLLOFF, Arthur  
DOLLOFF, Raymond  
DOLLOFF, Robert  
FINNEY, Michael  
FOGG, Sherwood  
FOLSOM, Brian

LECLAIR, Ken  
MCLAUGHLIN, Bruce  
NELSON, Keith  
PAS, Donna  
PEPPER, John  
PINAULT, George  
QUINN, Darrell  
RICE, Lindsey  
ST CLAIR, Kelley  
ST CLAIR, Scott  
SCOTT, Kevin  
SULLIVAN, Jennifer  
TUNBERG, Steve  
WILSON, Steve



**Report of Town Forest Fire Warden  
and State Forest Ranger**

To aid your Forest Fire Warden, Fire Department and State Forest Ranger, contact your local Warden or Fire Department to find out if a permit is required before doing any open burning. Violations of RSA 227-L:17, the fire permit law and the other burning laws of the State of New Hampshire are misdemeanors punishable by fines of up to \$2,000 and/or a year in jail. Violators are also liable for all fire suppression costs.

There are ten Forest Rangers who work for the N.H. Division of Forests and Lands, Forest Protection Bureau. State Forest Rangers are available to assist communities with forest fire suppression, prevention and training programs as well as the enforcement of forest fire and timber harvest laws. If you have any questions regarding forest fire or timber harvest laws please call our office at 271-2217.

The State of New Hampshire operates 15 fire towers, 2 mobile patrols and 3 contract aircraft patrols. This early detection and reports from citizens aid in the quick response from local fire departments.

**1996 FIRE STATISTICS**

**FIRES REPORT BY COUNTY**

Belknap	06
Carroll	07
Cheshire	13
Coos	10
Grafton	12
Hillsborough	19
Merrimack	14
Rockingham	15
Strafford	05
Sullivan	06

**CAUSES OF FIRES REPORTED**

Smoking	05
Debris Burning	34
Campfire	16
Power Line	04
Railroad	02
Equipment Use	01
Lightning	02
Children	22
OHRV	01
Miscellaneous	20

**TOTAL FIRES                      107**

**“REMEMBER, ONLY YOU CAN PREVENT FOREST FIRES!”**

John R. Dodge  
Forest Ranger

Red Dolloff  
Forest Fire Warden

## **Report to the Town of Chester — Year 1996**

### **Community Caregivers of Greater Derry**

Community Caregivers of Greater Derry is a nonprofit agency serving the elderly, disabled and homebound members of our local communities through a volunteer network of caring residents. These volunteers enable our clients to remain independent in their own homes by providing services such as transportation, light chores, visiting, respite, shopping and telephone reassurance to needy residents of Londonderry, Derry, Hampstead, Sandown, Windham and Chester.

Caregivers was founded in 1988 by a group of people from the community and local churches who saw a need for volunteer services to supplement existing programs and to provide services not available at all or not affordable to many. Volunteers and clients both come to us through churches, local agencies, other community members or self referral. The program presently includes 150 volunteers helping a total of 210 people on a regular basis. Presently eleven of those people are Chester residents. Over the past 8 years we have helped over 750 residents of our service area. We continue to maintain a waiting list as the demand for assistance outpaces our volunteer capacity.

Some examples of the types of services we have provided in the past year to Chester residents include the following: an elderly woman who received rides to the hospital to visit her husband, another woman receives weekly help with cleaning, while another has a volunteer who visits weekly. We also provided twice weekly rides for 6 weeks to radiation treatments for another Chester resident. We are finding that there is a growing need for multiple services per person as people age. Some persons who have been clients for several years now need help in areas other than the original requested service. Now not only do we provide transportation, but we might shop, clean, rake leaves or just visit. We frequently go into homes for friendly visiting or light chores at times when the VNA is no longer involved due to financial constraints. Members of organizations such as RSVP, AARP, Easter Seals and the SHARE program are participants in our network of volunteers as well as Boy Scouts or Girl Scouts and Pinkerton students. We have also participated in the United Way Day of Caring for the past four years.

Our services foster independence by doing something for someone that allows that person to remain at home. Our client list represents a wide range of the population and includes persons of all ages on welfare, the unemployed, the elderly and young families. We thank the town of Chester and its residents for their continued support of our program.

Sincerely,

Martha Anderson  
Director  
11/96

Donna Leitner  
Director

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## **CTV-51 Year in Review**

Chester's CTV-51 has had a successful year due to the dedication of its volunteers. Time is valuable to all of us and we are fortunate to have people willing to give their time for the success of the station. This year, the station was joined by new volunteers: Patty Hamm, Marge Godfrey and Dick Godfrey.

Programming has included various video tapes loaned to the station by residents who have shared their vacations, knowledge and interesting events as well as White Pines College students producing programs under the direction of R.D. Tilroe.

Highlights that brought many positive reactions from residents were "The Mighty Engines" made possible by Mr. Dick Sargent. Santa's ride on Christmas Eve once again went smoothly with the assistance of the Fire and Police departments. With the professional knowledge of Mr. Chuck Myette, Ch. 51 produced a very informative program explaining the need to close the present landfill and construct a transfer station. The Chester School final needs assessment meetings were taped and broadcast allowing all residents an opportunity to be informed.

We accomplished airing and Selectmen's meetings live from the town hall, and the annual town meeting will once again be live for the town's viewing and voting participation.

We have worked to produce a quality product for the town while saving money whenever possible with the purchase of used equipment and selective spending. This upcoming year we will continue our present projects and hope to purchase two new cameras to increase the quality and quantity of programming.

CTV-51 is an opportunity for all to share information, entertainment and learn. Our volunteers range from professional broadcast, electrician specialists, to generous people willing to give some time and learn a new skill.

Ron Bath  
TV-51 Coordinator

## **Report of the Recycling/Solid Waste Committee**

As you know, the past year has brought many changes to the old “dump.” The construction of the transfer station is progressing and is planned to be on line by the time of Town Meeting. The switch to individual vendors for handling our recycling has saved the town \$21,000 in the past year. Residents of Chester should be proud that in the last year they recycled 297 tons that would otherwise have gone into our landfill. We hope to further increase our recycling once the transfer station is on line by adding office paper, textiles, and anything else we can think of to reduce the waste stream. We would also like to create a “swap shop,” hopefully with the aid of some town volunteers. Any takers?

Waste Management has been chosen by this Committee and the Selectmen to handle our waste hauling services when the transfer station goes on line. Waste Management offered us the best overall service, and was the lowest bidder.

The landfill closure process is scheduled to begin soon. A request for proposal has gone out and a contractor for the closure will have been selected by the time of the Town Meeting. Recent sampling of groundwater in the landfill has shown low level concentrations of contaminants, which has resulted in DES asking the town to look for a source within the landfill. This activity will be performed during the landfill closure scheduled for this summer. If a source is found it will be removed. If no direct source is found, according to Nobis Engineering, capping should eliminate infiltration of rainwater, thus eliminating the impact to groundwater.

We anticipate that the clear bag program will save the town a significant amount in tipping and hauling fees, which will now be approximately \$60/ton. Early indications are that there is a significant increase in recyclables since instituting this program. Anything we can do to decrease the waste stream will save the town money. You may want to think about this as you purchase products. If you have the choice to purchase a product that has less packaging, there is then less to dispose of. If any of you have any suggestions for recycling, or would like to join the Committee, we would like to hear from you.

### **Committee Members:**

Anne Pardo, Chair and Secretary

Paula Potter, Vice Chair

Charles Myette

J.R. Stephens

Lloyd Healy

Bonnie Healy

Andrew Hadik, Selectman Liaison

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## **Report of the Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission**

The Southern New Hampshire Planning Commission has a wide range of services and resources available to help the dues-paying members deal with a variety of municipal issues. Technical assistance is provided by a professional staff whose expertise is, when necessary, supplemented by consultants who are selected for their specialized skills or services. Each year, with the approval of your appointed representatives, the Commission staff designs and carries out programs of area-wide significance that are mandated under New Hampshire and federal laws or regulations, as well as local or site-specific projects which would pertain more exclusively to your community.

Technical assistance is provided in a professional and timely manner by staff at the request of your Planning Board, Board of Selectmen, and various municipal department heads. The Commission conducts planning studies and carries out projects that are of common interest and benefit to all member communities, keeps your officials apprised of changes in planning and land use regulation, and offers training workshops for Planning and Zoning Board members on an annual basis.

Services that were performed for the Town of Chester during the past year are as follows:

1. Co-sponsored the Municipal Law Lecture series. These meetings were attended by Chester officials.
2. Conducted traffic counts at several locations in the Town of Chester. Copies of the traffic counts were forwarded to the Chairman of the Planning Board.
3. The Regional Transportation Plan was updated and the Transportation Improvement Program FY '97-'99 was prepared. Copies were forwarded to the Chairman of the Planning Board and the Town's public library.
4. Provided a video entitled "Zoning and the ZBA" for the use of the Planning Board.
5. Provided informational material regarding the Telecommunications Act of 1996 to the Board of Selectmen, Planning Board and the Zoning Board of Adjustment.
6. Provided technical assistance to the Town and coordinated with the Office of State Planning regarding the requirements that needed to be met by the Town in order to establish eligibility for the National Flood Insurance Program.
7. Provided staff support to the Planning Board in its effort to develop and implement an impact fee ordinance.

Chester's Representatives to the Commission are:

Albert W. Hamel, Treasurer

Andrew L. Hadik

Executive Committee Member: Albert W. Hamel

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## **The Exeter River Watershed Project**

In August of 1995, the Exeter River was designated for protection under the NH Rivers Management and Protection Act (RSA 483). Under the terms of the designation, the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Services, acting on recommendations from Select Boards, has appointed residents from each of the communities along the river to participate in the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee. The Exeter River has its headwaters in Chester, flows through Sandown, back through Chester, Raymond, Fremont, Danville, Brentwood and finally Exeter, where it becomes the Squamscott River at the Great Falls, and continues into Great Bay. It is the chief water supply for the Town of Exeter and its watershed (approximately 125 square miles) is a recharge area for wells along the way. The Towns of Kensington, Kingston and East Kingston are also in the watershed.

It is the responsibility of the Advisory Committee to develop a management plan for the long range protection of the river and watershed. The Committee is advisory in nature and any plan will be submitted to the planning board for review.

The Advisory Committee, along with the three additional towns, the Rockingham Planning Commission, Audubon Society of New Hampshire, NH Office of State Planning, NH Department of Environmental Services and several other agencies and organizations has embarked on a three year project to improve the protection of wildlife habitat and water quality in the watershed using local regulatory and non regulatory tools.

As part of the research necessary for such a project, a survey will soon be mailed to all riverfront landowners and other interested parties requesting feedback on river management issues such as water quality, public access and future land use. This spring, Audubon will be making an inventory and evaluation of selected wetlands, wildlife habitats in the watershed.

The Committee needs to hear from all who are concerned with the river's future. For further information on the Exeter River Watershed Project or the Exeter River Local Advisory Committee, please call Theresa Walker at the Rockingham Planning Commission, 778-0885, or Camilla Lockwood at 887-3271.

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## **The Educational Trust for Chester, N.H.**

As those of you who subscribe to, and support the “Chester Literary Digest” know, the Educational Trust is alive and well! With the Trust’s funding, and Tracy Entrekin’s guidance, the Digest is giving the youngsters working on it a journalistic experience they would not otherwise have, and giving you an insight into the school that you have not enjoyed before. This elective will continue to receive Trust support!

The Trust is also sponsoring this year for the first time a day at the Browne Center of U.N.H. for the 8th graders. This is an “experiential learning program”, a confidence building experience similar in many ways to outward bound programs. The Trust felt that this would be invaluable for our students as they make the transition from our small school to the much larger and perhaps intimidating atmosphere of Pinkerton Academy.

We have more in the planning stage for next year. With your continuing help as well as that of our corporate sponsors (something we would like more of) for which the Trust is very thankful, we will be able to make good things happen for our young people. See you at the “Cow Plop”!

The Trustees,

Pat McLean	Janet Gregsak
Joanne Greer	Lorna Hazelton
Walt St Clair	

## **Report of Rockingham Community Action**

Rockingham Community Action (RCA) is a private, non-profit corporation. Our mission is to serve the multitude of needs of Rockingham County's low-income residents by assisting them in coping with the hardships of poverty, giving them the tools to lift themselves out of poverty and seeking to eradicate the root causes of poverty. RCA has been addressing these needs for over thirty years.

Greater Salem Community Action Center is an outreach office of RCA that serves residents of Chester and 11 other communities, and as such acts as Chester's central resource for information regarding all available human services. RCA also offers intake, clinic and distribution sites in over half of the county's thirty-seven communities for the application and provision of various Community Action services.

Community Action provides a wide range of services that are unduplicated elsewhere in the county. Most of these services meet immediate, critical needs and all have a direct and positive impact on people's lives. The following services were provided by Community Action to eligible residents of Chester from July 1, 1995 through June 30, 1996:

22 households received one of a group of Fuel Assistance Programs, services that provide financial grants of up to \$585 to income eligible households to assist with energy-related expenses through the Fuel Assistance Program (some households also receive furnace cleaning and budget and energy counseling services), or grants of up to \$250 for fuel and utility emergencies for households not eligible for the Fuel Assistance Program through the Neighbor Helping Neighbor and the Senior Energy Assistance Service.

2 homes were weatherized through the Weatherization or Energy Management Services Programs, which provide high quality energy conservation materials and skilled labor to weatherize homes of income-eligible and high energy-using households in order to reduce heating costs and conserve energy, and provides major repairs or replacement of heating systems for low income homeowners.

1 household received help through the H.O.M.E. Program, which provides major rehabilitation of single family, owner occupied homes, emphasizing health and safety repairs, including water and septic systems, structural, roofing, electrical, and heating system work.

12 children and day care providers participated in the Family Day Care Program, which provides training and technical assistance to day care providers and sponsorship of the USDA Child and Adult Care Food Program.

12 child care referrals were arranged through the Child Care Resource and Referral Program, which compiles current data on all available child care options, provides child care referrals to employees of participating companies as well as to the general public, and expands the supply of quality child care by recruiting, training and assisting new child care providers.

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4 individuals received services through Family Support Programs, which provide support services, transportation and protective child care to support and stabilize families at risk of child abuse through the Accompanied Transportation and Family Resource & Support Programs.

38 women, infants and children received help through the WIC or Commodity Supplemental Food Programs: WIC offers supplemental nutritious foods, nutrition education, breast-feeding support and health care screening/referrals to pregnant women, nursing mothers, infants and children up to the age of five; the Commodity Supplemental Food Program provides monthly allotments of commodity foods and nutrition education materials to senior citizens, postpartum women and 5 year old children.

10 children received books through the Family Literacy/Gift of Reading Program, which provides high quality books and other literacy services to low-income pre-school children and their families through the library-based Gift of Reading book distribution program and the home-based Family Literacy Project.

1 child was enrolled in Head Start, a comprehensive early childhood development program that provides education, health, nutrition and family support services to income eligible pre-school children and their families.

91 individuals received food through the Emergency Food Assistance Program, which distributes USDA surplus food to emergency food pantries, soup kitchens and shelters throughout Rockingham County.

1 food allotment was provided through the Emergency Food Pantry, which provides temporary emergency supplies of nonperishable food to households facing severe economic hardship.

Cordially,

Connie Young, Outreach Center Director  
Greater Salem Community Action Center  
Rockingham Community Action

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## **Southeastern N.H. Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District** (SO N.H. Hazmat)

The Southeastern New Hampshire Hazardous Materials Mutual Aid District is organized as a regional solution to the hazardous materials problem. The purpose of the district is to prepare our communities, regionally, for responses to hazardous materials incidents, both with training and equipment. The 15 communities that comprise the district are: Auburn, Atkinson, Chester, Danville, Derry, East Derry, Hampstead, Hooksett, Hudson, Litchfield, Londonderry, Pelham, Plaistow, Salem, and Windham.

The District is managed by an Operations Committee, consisting of a Chief Officer from each member community, who carry out the day-to-day business of the organization; and a Board of Directors, consisting of an elected or appointed member of municipal government in each community, who provide oversight and fiscal management.

District resources include two response trailers, equipped with generators, oil spill and decontamination equipment, and chemical reference material. The District also owns a response truck, equipped in the same manner as the trailers. Equipment upgrades to the Derry Fire Department Special Services Vehicle, and the Pelham Fire Department Rescue Truck, enable these vehicles to function as mobile command posts, complete with computerized reference software, as well as radio, fax and cellular communications. The District trailers and truck are strategically located to respond to any community requesting system.

Since the incident command system is mandated by law at a hazardous materials incident, the District has devised an on-call notification system whereby a member community may request Chief Officers from member communities to staff positions in the incident command system.

Six technician team leaders are now on-call to respond to member communities, to conduct research, advise the incident commander on control activities and safety, and fill incident command system staff positions. They also assist member communities with planning, since the District has been recognized as a regional Local Emergency Planning Committee, to comply with SARA Title III of the federal regulations governing hazardous materials. This allows the District to be eligible for Emergency Management Assistance funding.

Training of approximately 1,000 personnel to meet federal response standards has been completed, and the training focus is now on required annual training.

The District is currently considering organizing a Level "B" hazardous materials response team, the members of whom would be on-call to respond to any member community to assist with control activities at a hazardous materials incident.

The District has and will continue to move forward to meet our original goal; to provide the most cost effective manner of responding to a hazardous materials incident.

Respectfully Submitted,

For the Board of Directors

Mr. Donald Chase Chief Alan J. Sypek  
Commissioner, East Derry Fire Precinct  
Chair, Board of Directors

For the Operations Committee

Londonderry Fire Department  
Chair, Operations Committee

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## **EMERGENCY SERVICES**

### **POLICE: Emergency # - 911**

**887-3229**

Calls for Service

**887-2080**

Unattended Business Line

**887-2090**

Animal Control Answering

Machine

### **FIRE: Emergency # - 911**

**887-3878**

Non-Emergency (Fire House)

Permits required for all open fires. Arrangements for permits may be obtained by calling:

Bruce McLaughlin

Stephen Tunberg

Scott St. Clair

Steven Childs

887-4626

887-5790

887-4556

887-4558

## **MEDICAL**

Derry Area Ambulance Service: 911

Parkland Medical Center: 432-1500

Poison Center, Mary Hitchcock Hospital, Hanover, NH: 643-4000

Rockingham Visting Nurse Association: 432-7776

## **TOWN FACILITIES**

Disposal Area, Route 102

Saturdays, 7 a.m. - 2 p.m.

## **LIBRARY**

887-3404

Monday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.; Tuesday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Wednesday, 6 p.m. - 9 p.m.

Thursday, 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.; Friday 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.;

Saturday, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. (During school sessions)

Closed Saturdays in July & August

## **CHURCH SERVICES**

Chester Congregational Baptist Church

4 Chester Street

Sunday 11:00 a.m. - Sunday School 9:30 a.m.

St. Jerome's Mission

Chester Congregational Baptist Church

Lord's Day Mass, Saturday 5:45 p.m.

Fellowship Bible Church

Rod and Gun Club Road

Sunday 9:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. - Sunday School 11:00 a.m.

## **MEETINGS/OFFICE HOURS**

(Town Hall Closed When School is Cancelled Due to Snow  
and for State of New Hampshire Holidays.)

**Selectmen Meetings:** Monday Night (As Posted) - 7:00 p.m. at Town Hall

Please call 887-4979 for an appt., Office open Mon. - Fri. 9:00 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Starting July 1, 1997 8:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.

**Town Clerk & Tax Collector** - Monday through Friday: 8:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

No new registrations after 12:30 p.m. Mon. - Fri. or after 8:15 p.m. Mon. night

Monday evening: 7:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Phone 887-3636.

**Fire Meeting** - 1st Tuesday of the month; Firehouse.

**Board of Adjustment** - 3rd Wednesday of month.

Office Hours: Monday 10:00 a.m. - 12 Noon. Phone: 887-5629

**Planning Board** - 1st, 2nd, and 4th Wednesday of the month.

Office Hours: Tues & Thurs. - 9:00 am - 1:00 p.m. Phone: 887-5629

**Building Inspector/Zoning Officer** - Hours: Mon. and Weds. 8:00 a.m. - 12 noon.

Office behind Post Office.

Field inspections: Monday and Wednesday afternoons: 887-5552.

Office of the Selectmen  
Chester, NH 03036

Special Collections Dept.  
The University Library  
18 Library Way  
Durham, NH 03824-3592

